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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Manchester University offers 'Curious Incident' play

Manchester University Theater presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. General admission is \$10; it is \$7 for students and senior citizens; and free for MU faculty, staff and students.

## Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 17, 23, 24, 29 and 30. Dec. 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

## Free admission at the Dr. James Ford Historic Home

After enjoying the downtown holiday décor, enjoy holiday hoopla and free admission at the Home from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at 177 W. Hill Street in Wabash. For more event information on the Dr. James Ford Historic Home, call 260-563-1102 or visit [www.drfordhome.org/programs-and-events](http://www.drfordhome.org/programs-and-events).

## Bake sale planned for Saturday

Wabash Christian Church has planned a bake sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16 at 110 W. Hill St.

## 4-H Junior Leaders fish and tenderloin fry planned

An all-you-can-eat fish and tenderloin fry has been planned from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 hosted at the Lagro Community Building, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro. Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the fish and tenderloin fry at the Lagro Community Building at the regular price of adults for \$10, children ages 6 to 11 for \$6, and children 5 and under eat free.

## MU invites students, parents to Spartan Day

The school is hosting Spartan Day on Saturday, Nov. 16 at its campus in North Manchester. It is

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# Income growth surpasses state, national average

Wabash County per capita personal income figures released by BEA

BY ROB BURGESS  
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Wabash County's per capita personal income for 2018 experienced an increase of 5.89 percent over the prior year, according to data released by the U.S.

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

This growth equated to an increase of \$2,438 in per capita personal income per capita (PCPI), thwarting the regional and national growth averages for 2018.

PCPI is calculated as the total income received divided by the total population.

Grow Wabash County and other economic development organizations, including the Northeast In-

diana Regional Partnership use PCPI as tool to measure economic growth.

Per BEA data provided by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

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# Cirque Dreams Holidaze



PROVIDED PHOTOS

**ACT:** Cirque Dreams Holidaze returns to the Ford Theater stage for two full performances for audiences of all ages featuring world-class acts at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St.

## Two holiday performances set for Sunday in Wabash

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Cirque Dreams Holidaze returns to the Ford Theater stage for two full performances for audiences of all ages featuring world-class acts at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St., according to Courtney Harvey, development communications manager for the Honeywell Center.

"Cirque Dreams Holidaze is a new cirque adventure, Broadway musical and family holiday spectacular wrapped in one," stated the release. "This incomparable phenomenon features over 300 imaginative costumes, 20 world-class astonishing acts, the finest singers, original music, and seasonal favorites celebrating the most wonderful time of the year."

Most seats are priced at \$25, \$35, and \$45. This performance is sponsored by First Farmer's Bank and Trust and is welcomed by Z 92.5.

Tickets are available for

purchase via Honeywell-Center.org or by calling the Honeywell Foundation box office at 260-563-1102. Pre-show dining is sold out for the 2 p.m. show.

In a phone interview Thursday with one of the singers, Melody Lieberman, said the show is "one of the most mesmerizing spectacles you'll ever see on stage."

"It's a family-friendly show that is the perfect gift for anyone from the ages of 3 to 93. You'll just be mesmerized by the costumes, the colors, the imagination. It's its own spectacle," she said.

Lieberman said during the show she wears two costumes: one as the Ice Queen and another when she plays the Winter Elf.

"But some of the other acts, each of them have up to 10 costumes. It's crazy," she said. "It takes a lot of experience and a lot of training. Some of other acts that are in the

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**SHOW:** The show features over 300 costumes, 20 acts, singers, original music and seasonal favorites.

# Yovanovitch testifies she felt threatened by Trump

## President tweets attack on ousted ambassador during impeachment proceedings

BY LISA MASCARO  
and MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former U.S. Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch provided chilling detail Friday in Trump impeachment hearings of being suddenly ousted from her post and feeling threatened upon learning President Donald Trump had denounced her in a phone call to Ukraine's president. In that call, Trump assailed her as "bad news" and said she was "going to go through some things."

In an extraordinary moment, even in an administration filled with them, Trump himself went after her again as she spoke, tweeting from the White House that everywhere she served had "turned bad."

Asked at the hearing about the potential effect of such censure on U.S. officials and witnesses, she said, "Well, it's very intimidating."

Yovanovitch was testifying on the second day of public impeachment hearings into Trump, just the fourth time in American history that the House of Representatives has launched such proceedings. The investigation centers on whether Trump's push for Ukrainian officials to investigate his political rivals amounted to an abuse of power, a charge he and Republicans vigorously deny.

After Trump's tweet on Friday, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee swiftly intervened, halting the questioning to read the president's comments out loud to the witness — and Americans following the hearing — during a live broadcast across the country.

"Ambassador Yovanovitch, as we sit here testifying, the president is attacking you on Twitter," said Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California. He asked if it was designed to intimidate.

"I can't speak to what the president is trying to do, but I think the effect is to be intimidated," she said.

Said Schiff, "Well, I want to let you know, Ambassador, that some of us here take witness intimidation very, very seriously."

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# Medicare open enrollment period open through Dec. 7

Living Well in Wabash County volunteers available to help

## STAFF REPORT

The team at the Living Well in Wabash County Winchester Senior Center announced that Medicare Open Enrollment lasts through Dec. 7, according to a press release.

That means that anyone who has a Medicare Advantage plan, which usually covers both health and prescription costs,

can change their plan during that time. Anyone with a Medicare Prescription Plan can also change during that time.

"These two types of insurance change their plans annually. The plan a person had in 2019, which was a good one, may or may not still be the best plan for 2020. Costs of premiums and co-pays for these plans may change each

January," stated the release.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is a group of volunteers who are trained by the state of Indiana to offer assistance to individuals in finding the best plan each year.

They do not sell insurance but use a government website

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PROVIDED PHOTO

**SHIP:** Volunteers Brenda Landis and Susan Hunter study the format of the redesigned government website for analyzing a client's data.



## IN BRIEF

### Indianapolis man gets 170 years for 3 murder convictions

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis man convicted of murder in the 2017 shooting deaths of three people has been sentenced to 170 years in prison.

Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced Friday that Kenneth Lancaster was sentenced for the June 1, 2017, murders of Jessica Carte, Keith Higgins and Mark Higgins. Lancaster was found guilty of three counts of murder after a four-day jury trial last month.

The bodies of the victims were discovered inside Mark Higgins’ residence by a concerned family member who was checking on him after he failed to show up to work. Mears says each of the victims suffered from multiple gunshot wounds at close range.

Mears says witnesses told investigators that Lancaster believed Carte misused his money and didn’t pay him

### Indiana reports 4th lung injury death linked to vaping

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana health officials are reporting a fourth state resident has died of severe lung injuries linked to vaping.

The Indiana State Department of Health in a report released Thursday said the state has had 55 confirmed cases of such injuries and another 57 probable cases. It says more than 50 of the combined cases have been in the 18-29 age group and more than 20 in the 30-39 age group.

Nationwide, there have been more than 2,000 cases and at least 40 people have died.

The health department said it’s gathering data on cases and collaborating local and federal health officials and health care providers to determine potential causes of the injuries.

### Northern Indiana’s 50-year-old Amish Acres to close Jan. 1

NAPPANEE (AP) — An official says northern Indiana tourist destination Amish Acres will close at the end of the year after 50 years in business.

Executive Director Jeff Kitson of the Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce said Friday he received a letter from founder and CEO Richard Pletcher saying his family is retiring at the end of 2019 and will close Amish Acres after its New Year’s fireworks show.

Kitson says the business will likely go to auction in early spring if the family hasn’t found a buyer by then.

The Nappanee site includes a bakery, meat and cheese shop, arts and crafts boutiques, a theater for stage plays, an inn with 62 guest rooms and a restaurant featuring traditional Amish cooking.

Kitson says more than 5 million people have visited.

## INCOME

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(NIRP) in a news release, the 11-county northeast region of Indiana saw an average growth of 4.73 percent per capita between 2017 and 2018, which amounts to an approximate increase of \$2,021 in PCPI.

Although this growth percentage is an improvement over the 3.38 percent increase for 2016-2017, the region’s average still appears to lag behind the national average of 4.94 percent growth per capita.

“The encouraging numbers for Wabash County come as Grow Wabash County and the Community Foundation of Wabash County work to address population decline through the Imagine Wabash County initiative,” stated Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Grow Wabash County.

“As we work to address population loss in Wabash County, we are thrilled by this data. This tells someone who may be considering moving to or coming back to Wabash County that our future is bright and that you can make a great living right here in our community.”

### Wage gap remains

While the percentage of growth in 2018 in Wabash County is above the state and national averages, the income figures themselves are still behind the wages in both.

In 2018, the national figure was \$54,446, the state figure was \$47,149, the NIRP figure was \$44,773 and the Wabash County figure was \$43,820.

“There’s been a larger wage gap between the state and national wages for more than a generation, so we’ve still got work to do,” stated Gillenwater, in response to a Plain Dealer request. “Indiana and the (region) lag behind the nation as well. Our only hope to close the gap is to grow at a faster rate than

either, and this data supports that. Collectively we need to keep our foot on the accelerator and it takes all of us at all levels to do that.”

In response to a Plain Dealer request, John Sampson, NIRP CEO, provided the following statement regarding the wage gap.

“Wabash County has incredibly strong leadership. Community and business leaders are working together to align with the regional vision and focus on the goals of growing population, raising PCPI and increasing educational and credential attainment. It is no simple matter to increase PCPI year over year. The ultimate objective is to grow prosperity faster than the state and nation in order to recover a competitive position lost over several decades of decline. The efforts of Wabash leaders are paying off,” he stated.

### Regional data

PCPI in Northeast Indiana’s 11 counties continues to grow at a faster rate over recent years, but growth in 2018 lags behind the nation.

The Northeast Indiana growth rate represents nearly 40 percent increase over the 3.38 percent growth in 2017. The 2018 growth equates to 82.2 percent of the national average.

The percent increase led to more than \$35 billion of

total personal income circulated in the region’s 11 counties in 2018. That was an increase of nearly \$1.8 billion of total personal income compared to 2017, resulting in a \$2,021 increase in per capita personal income.

“Increasing PCPI annually against the national average is one of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership’s three major goals to grow the regional economy and compete in the global marketplace,” stated Kate Virag, vice president of marketing and strategic communications for the NIRP.

The NIRP has established a goal to increase Northeast Indiana’s PCPI to 90 percent of the national average by the year 2030.

“Regional economic developers in Northeast Indiana use PCPI as an economic indicator because it provides a historical regional trend that displays a consistent and comprehensive look at personal income with a national benchmark. In addition to wages, PCPI captures investments, entitlements like social security and other forms of income,” stated Virag.

The region’s average PCPI was \$44,773 in 2018, up from \$42,752 in 2017.

In 2018, Steuben County experienced the most growth in northeast Indiana at 7.53 percent.

**THE ROXY**  
MOVIE THEATER

**Showtimes for Friday, November 15– Thursday, November 21**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

**Charles Angels (PG13)**  
Fri: 6:30, 9:55  
Sat: 12:25, 3:50, 6:30, 9:55  
Sun: 12:25, 3:50, 6:30  
Mon-Wed: 6:30

**Frozen II (PG)**  
Thurs: 6:30

**Last Christmas (PG13)**  
Fri: 6:50, 9:20  
Sat: 12:55, 3:30, 6:50, 9:20  
Sun: 12:55, 3:30, 6:50  
Mon-Wed: 6:50

**Ford V Ferrari (PG13)**  
Fri: 6:20, 9:30  
Sat: 12:45, 3:40, 6:20, 9:30  
Sun: 12:45, 3:40, 6:20  
Mon-Wed: 6:20

**Doctor Sleep (R)**  
Fri: 6:40, 9:10  
Sat: 12:35, 3:10, 6:40, 9:10  
Sun: 12:35, 3:10, 6:40  
Mon-Wed: 6:40

**Playing with Fire (PG)**  
Fri: 7:00, 9:40  
Sat: 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40  
Sun: 1:05, 4:00, 7:00  
Mon-Wed: 7:00

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**Saturday,  
December 7, 2019  
10 am—2 pm**

- *View over 70 trees decorated by the community*
- *Meet with Santa*
- *Free Cookies & Cocoa*

- NEW THIS YEAR -

- *Family Photo Sessions*
- *Two craft bazaars*
- *Enter to win a bike for one boy and one girl*
- *Kountry Krunch & Munch food truck will be on site*

*Bring a canned food item for the local food pantry!*

### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 39 / 24	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 37 / 27	<b>Monday</b> Cloudy 35 / 29	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 39 / 33	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Cloudy 43 / 35

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 5:29 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:37 a.m.

Last 11/19	New 11/26	First 12/4	Full 12/12

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 39°, humidity of 73%. East wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 24°. East southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 23°.

# Pushy friend won't take no for an answer

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I have a friend who is extremely pushy with her requests. She is a woman of privilege, and she is accustomed to getting her way immediately. She asked me to make an introduction, and I don't think it's a great idea. She pushed so hard that I reluctantly agreed.

I have been trying to figure out how to approach the situation to create the chance for a good outcome. She called me the next day to find out if I had reached out to the woman yet. I'm afraid that if she is pushy like this with my other friend, it will not end up going well for either of us. How can I preserve both relationships when this one friend just won't let up? – In the Middle

**Harriette Cole**  
Sense & Sensitivity

**DEAR IN THE MIDDLE:** If you truly don't think you should make this connection, don't do it. Stand up to your friend, and tell her why you don't think it's the right fit. In the best-case scenario, you can recommend someone else who might be better suited to your friend. Think long and hard for another person who would be able to welcome your friend's pushy manner better. If nobody comes to mind, you can just say no to her. Or if you think the project she is representing is a good one but her demeanor is the problem, you could reach out to the person she requested and tell her that you know someone who has a great idea; you aren't sure if it's a fit, but you think it could be worth it for her to consider. Establishing a caveat could protect you. But beware, even lukewarm recommendations can seem much stronger to the person receiving them – especially if you are highly regarded. So you must protect your reputation as you navigate this tricky situation.

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I am

**READERS' CHOICE REPORTS**

**THURSDAY'S LOTTERIES**

Cash 5  
02-09-25-30-40  
Estimated jackpot: \$219,500  
Cash4Life  
06-29-33-44-56, Cash Ball: 4  
Daily Three-Midday  
3-7-8, SB: 9  
Daily Three-Evening  
9-9-2, SB: 8  
Daily Four-Midday  
2-7-4-5, SB: 9  
Daily Four-Evening  
5-9-5-9, SB: 8  
Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$178 million  
Powerball  
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

**FRIDAY'S METALS**  
Aluminum..... .80  
Copper..... 2.62  
Lead..... .92  
Zinc..... 1.11  
Gold..... 1,467.06  
Silver..... 17.00  
Platinum..... 887.04

**AREA GRAIN**  
Estimated grain prices  
Friday at Indianapolis-area  
elevators: Corn: \$3.99. Soy-  
beans: \$8.94.

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‘It’s all history now’

Frederick M. Landis, a remarkable man whose political career was launched during a raucous Republican convention in Wabash, died 85 years ago. Only 10 days before his death, Landis was elected to what would have been his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Pete Jones



Republicans first nominated Landis as their candidate for Congress from the old 11th District at a convention held in a huge tent on South Wabash Street here in the summer of 1902. The convention ran for three days as ballot after ballot failed to produce a nominee.

Four men, one of whom was Carey Cowgill of Wabash, contended for the nomination which some had already conceded to George Steele of Marion. But in the end, Landis prevailed, and he gave credit for his victory to Wabash County’s delegates.

“It rained cats and dogs, and it was hot and sultry,” Ed Eikenbary, a Wabash attorney, recalled many years later. “The climax came with Landis’s nomination. He stood on a table to make his acceptance speech. His shirt was open at the collar and his shirt-tails were hanging over

his trousers. His hair was wild, and he looked like a drowned rat as he stood on that table amid the wild enthusiasm,” Eikenbary remembered.

Landis won two terms in Congress where he served from 1903-1907. He lost his bid for a third consecutive term and returned to his hometown of Logansport to practice law and to embark upon a writing career. However, his absence from politics was only temporary, and by 1912 he was helping to organize the Progressive Party under the banner of former President Theodore Roosevelt.

After the Progressives failed to gain a foothold in the election of 1912, Landis returned to the Republican fold and in 1932 was an unsuccessful candidate for his party’s nomination for Governor of Indiana.

Landis was editor of the Logansport Pharos-Tribune from 1926 to 1933. He wrote two novels and three plays, and he edited and published his own magazine, “The Hoosier Editor.”

His brother, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, was a federal judge in Chicago before becoming the first Commissioner of Major League Baseball. Another brother, Charles, served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1897 to 1907 when he was elected from the old Tenth District. Charles

was editor of the Delphi Journal.

Fred Landis returned to Wabash County countless times over the years to speak at graduation ceremonies, political rallies and Fourth of July and Memorial Day observances. And he often came back simply to sit and talk with his many friends here.

Eye on dancing  
One hundred years ago, in 1919, the city hired a police matron, mainly to keep an eye on dances attended by young people here. Mrs. J.M. Ulrich wasted no time in getting to work after she was appointed to the new position in early November.

She showed up at the Autumn Carnival dance where she observed some things she considered offensive. “There were a few things to which I object,” she said. “Those include cheek-to-cheek dancing and the so-called ‘moonlight’ dances. However, the young folks displayed a minimum of shimmying when they danced.”

Mrs. Ulrich reported on another dance just a week or so later. She said that behavior had improved, but she still believed that dancing to “jazz music” was highly suggestive.

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Nancy Christie honored at Winchester Senior Center ceremony

Twenty-fifth-anniversary celebration highlights the leader’s contributions

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, a room full senior center participants gathered to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Winchester Senior Center, according to a press release.

The event was made possible with support from the Edward Jones offices in Wabash; Steve Weir, Wayne Denger and Amy Sullivan; and Wellbrooke of Wabash, which provided the food for the evening.

Mike Almon played guitar and sang throughout the evening as attendees mixed and mingled while bidding on the silent auction.

The evening included the story of how the senior center came to be. Pat Lynn, former Wabash City councilwoman, who collaborated with Mayor Dallas Winchester and then, executive director of the agency, Nancy Christie, was also present and contributed stories that

brought the era to life.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Nancy Christie, who was the executive director for 22 years and was the director during the construction and opening of the senior center in 1994. Her health prohibited attendance and she was represented by youngest daughter, Cathy Gatchel.

Mayor Scott Long read a proclamation recognizing Christie’s contributions to the seniors of Wabash and Wabash County.

Presenting two dozen red roses to Nancy’s daughter, Beverly Ferry of CEO of Living Well in Wabash County, which operates the senior center, expressed her admiration for Nancy Christie’s vision, saying that she laid the groundwork for everything that has been done in the last two and a half decades.

The proclamation by Wabash Mayor Scott Long stated that Nancy Christie

was instrumental in establishing the Winchester Senior Center and developing the signature programs and services of the Winchester Senior Center for the benefit of all senior citizens, especially in the city of Wabash.

The Winchester Senior Center has touched the lives of countless senior citizens providing food, Medicare counseling, socialization, purpose and transportation enriching the lives of senior citizens then and for decades to follow; and as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Winchester Senior Center and the programs and services she envisioned, it is appropriate to recognize her leadership, vision, determination and dedication to the senior citizens of the city of Wabash and Wabash County.

Long concluded by proclaiming Sept. 26, “Nancy Christie Day” in Wabash and that Nancy Christie shall always be an honorary citizen of the city of Wabash.

Indiana prosecutors ask if couple was paid for interviews

LAFAYETTE (AP) — Indiana prosecutors want to know whether a former couple accused of abandoning their adopted daughter has been paid for interviews given to national television shows and tabloids about the case.

Prosecutors said the pair left their daughter in Indiana and moved to Canada in 2013.

Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett are charged with two counts of neglect, the Journal & Courier reported Thursday.

Prosecutors filed a request Oct. 11 asking Michael and Kristine Barnett for payment amounts

they received, payment dates, and any other form of promised compensation. They also asked them to produce copies of the signed contracts for their appearances and any other documents they might have provided to media outlets. The lawyers refiled Nov. 8 because the defendants had not responded.

Michael Barnett and Kristine Barnett, who are divorced, have appeared on several talk shows claiming the girl was an adult posing as a child before a gag issue was ordered on them Oct. 28. The order was extended Nov. 1 to include the girl, but she had

already been on “Dr. Phil” by then.

Court records and news reports show that Kristine Barnett gave an interview to the Daily Mail, a British tabloid.

Michael Barnett appeared twice on “The Dr. Oz Show,” once on “Inside Edition” and once on “Good Morning America,” as well as on news outlets in the Indianapolis television market.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in the case, the couple adopted the girl in 2010 and a doctor who examined her that year determined she was about 8 years old.

# Bucket List Tours

## with Pam

I don't just sell you travel. I go with you!

### 2020 EXTENDED TOURS

All tours depart from Huntington Walmart and Fort Wayne Kroger's at Village of Coventry, Fort Wayne Meijers on Lima Road.

**March 1-7, 2020 – Charleston in the Spring!**  
Includes 4 consecutive nights in Charleston. \$869 double, add \$315 for single.

**March 23-28, 2020 – Lancaster's new "Sights & Sounds" production of "Queen Esther," Gettysburg National Park, and guided tour of Philadelphia.**  
\$639 double, add \$189 for single.

**April 18-24, 2020 – The Newport Rhode Island Mansion in beautiful New England.** Includes a 4 night stay in Connecticut. \$729 double, add \$239 for single.

**April 27 – May 2, 2020 – Branson Show Trip** to see "Noah" at the Sights & Sounds. Includes 6 other shows. \$699 double, \$878 for single.

**May 23-30, 2020 – Tulip Time** in Canada's capital city, Ottawa. Passport needed. Incredible price includes guided tours of **Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa** including Notre Dame Basilica. \$899 double, add \$299 for single.

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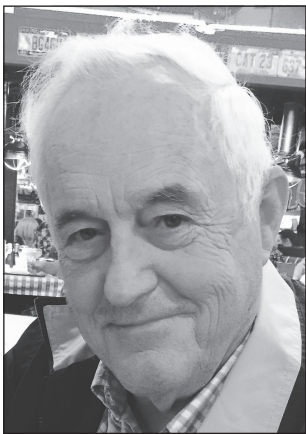
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### Russell William Johnson

Jan. 5, 1936 - Nov. 11, 2019

Russell William Johnson, 83, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas (formerly of Roann, Indiana) passed away Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His wife, Alicia Garzom Johnson, survives. Mr. Johnson was born Jan. 5, 1936 in Clinton County, Ohio, son of the late Emerson and Hazel Vandervort Johnson.

After graduating from New Vienna High School, Mr. Johnson began his career farming in the New Antioch and Sligo areas of Clinton County. He then worked for Buckeye Molding while earning his bachelor's degree from Wilmington College. He went on to obtain his master's degree from Ball State University. During his engineering career, Mr. Johnson worked for several manufacturing companies and designed numerous sealing systems for the automotive industry. During his career he was instrumental in moving several industrial plants to new locations. In his retirement, Mr. Johnson worked as a substitute teacher in Clinton County,



Highland County, and in the Poinciana, Florida area. He was a member of the Living Water Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village, AR, a lifelong member of the B.P.O. Elks, and an avid golfer.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Johnson is survived by a son, Steve (Tami) Johnson of Roann, Indiana; 3 daughters, Debbie (Tim) Branscum of Salado, Arkansas, Sheila (Mark) Mace of Batesville, Arkansas, and Tricia (Scott) Atwood of Sidney, Ohio; 2 stepchildren, Claudia (Mark) Caparco of Rochester, New York and Al (An-

namaria Barr) Gomez of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Wendell (June) Johnson of Sabina, Ohio; a sister, Margery Kilpatrick of Beaver-creek, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Dustin Johnson, Andy Johnson, Jennifer Williams, Tiffany Dickinson, Bradley Branscum, Chris Mace, Michael Mace, Elizabeth Mace, Thomas Atwood, and Katie Atwood; 2 step-grandchildren, Kelsey Egan and Emily Egan; 7 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, two brothers-in-law, Charles Henry and Lewis Kilpatrick, are preceded in death.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. - Noon, Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at the Reynolds-Smith Funeral Home, 327 N. South St., Wilmington, Ohio. The funeral service will follow at Noon, Monday. Burial will be in Martinsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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### Lucretia 'Jean' Wright

Aug. 31, 1941 - Nov. 14, 2019

Lucretia "Jean" Wright, 78, of Wabash, Indiana, journeyed from this life to eternity with her Heavenly Father and Jesus The Christ, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 at 1:39 p.m. while surrounded by her loving husband and children at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born Aug. 31, 1941 in Kokomo, Indiana to Herbert Charles and Helen Marie (Hall) Beck.

Jean was a 1959 graduate of Greenfield High School. She married Marvin Wright, DDS, in Greenfield on July 21, 1962. Jean was the office manager for Wabash Dental Group. She was an active member of the Wabash Christian Church, one of the early women elders of the church, and past president of Christian Women's Fellowship. Jean was also past state president of the Alliance of Indiana Dental Association. She enjoyed life, travel (especially her European Rhine River Cruise), spending time with her grandkids, and



adored her husband. Since suffering a stroke 4 years ago and was unable to drive, she really enjoyed simple automobile outings.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Wright, D.D.S. of Wabash, 3 children, Nancy JoAnn Stephens and Josef (Laura) Wright, both of Wabash, and Jill Marie (John) Denman of Huntington, Indiana, 4 grandchildren, Samuel Denman, Abigail Denman, and Zachary Den-

man, all of Huntington, and Julia Stephens of Wabash, sister, Ann (Ray) Hollinden of Fishers, Indiana, 2 brothers, William (Kay) Beck of Lexington, South Carolina, and Michael (Karen) Beck of Glendale, Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill Street, Wabash, with Pastor Haley Asberry and Pastor Tom True officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Christian Church.

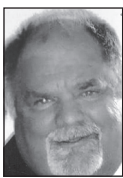
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### Tony Lee Hunt

Sept. 2, 1960 - Nov. 14, 2019

Tony Lee Hunt, 59, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 4:30 am, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 at his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1960 in Wabash, to Johnny and Ruth (Earhart) Hunt.

Tony was a 1980 graduate of Northfield High School. He attended the Grace Fellowship Church. Tony enjoyed playing Bingo, fishing, camping, spending time with his dog "Cooper Jack"



and riding motorcycles.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Hunt of Wabash, 2 children, Tyler Hunt of Wabash, and Amy (Bryce) Dielman of Macy, Indiana, parents, Johnny and Ruth Hunt of Wabash, and 3 sisters, Sheryl (Tim) Young of Wabash, Debbie Hunt of Kokomo, Indiana, and Cathy (Mirsad) Hadzic of Las Vegas, Nevada.

A memorial service will be 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 at Grace Fellowship Church, Wabash, with Rev. Lou Hunt officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Vernon Health and Rehabilitation Center.

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## Roger Stone guilty of witness tampering, lying to Congress

BY ASHRAF KHALIL AND  
MICHAEL BALSAMO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He was proud of his reputation as a practitioner of political dirty tricks and frequently boasted about the extent of his contacts and the depth of his insider information.

Now Roger Stone, a longtime friend and ally of President Donald Trump, faces a prison sentence for a collection of crimes that essentially amounts to exaggerating how much he knew, then lying and scrambling to keep those boasts from being exposed.

Stone was convicted Friday of all seven counts in a federal indictment that accused him of lying to Congress, tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election.

He is the sixth Trump aide or adviser to be convicted of charges brought as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Stone has denied wrongdoing and consistently criticized the case against him as politically motivated. He did not take the stand during the trial and his lawyers did not call any witnesses in his defense.

The Stone case could be the last public gasp of the Mueller investigation, which wrapped up in March. Mueller made clear that his team never considered indicting Trump because the Justice Department prohibits the prosecution of a sitting president.

The evidence presented in the trial didn't directly address Mueller's conclusion that there was insufficient evidence to prove a criminal conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia to tip the outcome

of the 2016 presidential election in Trump's favor. But it provided new insight into the scramble inside the Trump campaign when it was revealed in July 2016 that the anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks was in possession of more than 19,000 emails hacked from the servers of the Democratic National Committee.

Witnesses highlighted how Trump campaign associates were eager to gather information about the emails, which the U.S. says were hacked by Russia and then provided to WikiLeaks. Steve Bannon, who served as the campaign's chief executive, testified during the trial that Stone had boasted about his ties to WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, alerting them to pending new batches of damaging emails. Campaign officials saw Stone as the "access point" to WikiLeaks, he said.

Stone, 67, showed no visible reaction as the verdict was read aloud, count by count. He's scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 6 and could face up to 20 years behind bars. Another former Trump campaign aide, Michael Caputo, was removed from the courtroom by security officers after he turned his back on the jury after the verdict was read.

Stone smirked at reporters as he left the courtroom, holding hands with his wife. As he walked out of the courthouse, Stone was asked if he had any comment on the verdict and replied: "none whatsoever" before he hopped into a waiting SUV with his wife.

Trump tweeted minutes after the verdict, calling the conviction "a double standard like never seen before in the history of our Country," because his frequent nemeses, includ-

ing Hillary Clinton, former FBI Director James Comey and "including even Mueller himself," have not been convicted. "Didn't they lie?"

After the verdict was read, prosecutors asked for Stone to be jailed as he awaits sentencing. But Jackson ruled that Stone would be released to this own recognizance but would be subject to the same blanket gag order that was imposed during the trial, banning him from discussing the case with media or posting about it on social media.

Prosecutors used Stone's own text messages and emails — many of which appeared to contradict his congressional testimony — to lay out their case.

Prosecutors alleged Stone lied to Congress about his conversations about WikiLeaks with New York radio host and comedian Randy Credico — who scored an interview with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in 2016, when he was avoiding prosecution by sheltering in the Ecuadoran embassy in London — and conservative writer and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi.

During the 2016 campaign, Stone had mentioned in interviews and public appearances that he was in contact with Assange through a trusted intermediary and hinted at inside knowledge of WikiLeaks' plans. But he started pressing Credico to broker a contact, and Credico testified that he told Stone to work through his own intermediary.

Earlier testimony revealed that Stone, while appearing before the House Intelligence Committee, named Credico as his intermediary to Assange and pressured Credico not to contradict him.

## Tactical edge will shift to GOP in Senate impeachment trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been easy for majority Democrats to keep Republicans from shifting the focus of the House impeachment hearings by calling their own witnesses. But GOP leverage to do that would grow should the battle reach the Republican-run Senate.

There, attorneys for Presi-

dent Donald Trump and GOP senators could call their own witnesses.

But there's a big catch. They'd need enough votes from the 53 GOP senators to muster a majority and prevent Democrats from blocking them.

Trump and his defenders may want to aggressively

change the subject by calling witnesses who'd focus on unfounded allegations about former Vice President Joe Biden and a Ukrainian energy company his son did work for. But some Republicans might see that as an overtly political move that could risk voter backlash in the 2020 elections.

## U.S. approves new drug to manage sickle cell disease

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON  
AP Medical Writer

U.S. regulators on Friday approved a new medicine that can help reduce extremely painful sickle cell disease flare-ups.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Novartis AG's Adakveo for patients 16 and older. The monthly infusion, which halves occurrences of sickle cell pain episodes, will carry a list price of roughly \$85,000 to \$113,000 per year, depending on dosing. Insured patients generally will pay less.

Sickle cell disease is one

of the most common inherited blood disorders, affecting about 100,000 Americans, most of them black, and about 300 million people worldwide.

Its hallmark is periodic episodes in which red blood cells stick together, blocking blood from reaching organs and small blood vessels. That causes intense pain and cumulative organ damage that shortens the lives of people with the disease.

"The duration and severity of these pain crises worsens with aging. Often patients die during one of these crises," said Dr. Biree

Andemariam, chief medical officer of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

Andemariam, a former Novartis adviser, said the drug appears to work better the longer patients receive it.

The Swiss drugmaker is continuing patient testing to determine whether Adakveo, also known as crizanlizumab, lengthens patients' lives, said Ameet Mallik, the company's head of U.S. oncology and blood disorders.

He said severe pain episodes send U.S. patients to emergency departments about 200,000 times per

year. About 85 percent are hospitalized for days to a week, running up big bills.

The debilitating condition also causes anemia, delayed growth, vision damage and painful swelling in hands and feet, making it hard for some people to maintain jobs or attend school.

Current treatments include a 21-year-old cancer drug called hydroxyurea and Endari, approved in 2017.

In patient studies, Endari reduced frequency of pain episodes about 25 percent and hydroxyurea reduced them by half. Hydroxyurea can have serious side effects

and requires weekly blood tests. Both drugs have complicated dosing and don't work — or stop working — in some patients.

In a one-year study of 198 patients, those getting the higher of two Adakveo doses averaged 1.6 pain episodes over that year and 36 percent had none. A comparison group on placebo averaged three pain episodes that year and 17 percent had none. Adakveo's side effects included influenza and high fever.

Danielle Jamison, of Islandton, South Carolina, has suffered with sickle cell pain

episodes since shortly after birth. The 35-year-old previously had a half-dozen pain crises requiring hospital trips each year. Those lessened by about half when she began taking hydroxyurea nine years ago.

She hasn't been in the hospital since she started taking crizanlizumab two years ago as part of a patient study. She still has mild daily pain, but she said she can now take care of her home and drive her 9-year-old daughter to activities.

"It's made a huge difference in how much I'm able to do," Jamison said.



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I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
**Ephesians 4:1-3**

Border agents shouldn't be allowed to trawl through the contents of your phone

International travelers grudgingly accept that their cellphones or laptops might be handled and given a cursory inspection at an airport or border crossing. But some travelers, including U.S. citizens, have had the contents of their electronic devices – including family photographs and personal information – scrutinized by border agents.

A federal judge in Boston rightly held this week that such searches may be carried out only if the authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the devices contain contraband such as classified national security information or child pornography.

U.S. District Judge Denise J. Casper ruled in a case brought by 11 plaintiffs – 10 U.S. citizens and one lawful permanent resident – whose devices had been searched when they entered the country. Among them was a Muslim woman who twice had her iPhones searched despite her objection to having Customs and Border Protection officers view photographs of her and her daughters without their headscarves.

Traditionally the courts have treated searches at the border as an exception to the 4th Amend-

ment's ban on "unreasonable searches and seizures" because of the nation's interest in intercepting contraband. But Casper noted that the exception was meant to cover "routine" searches, not the intrusive inspection of electronic devices that are notable for the vast quantity of personal information they contain.

Casper isn't the first judge to rule that border searches of electronic devices require reasonable suspicion. In 2013, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals established that standard even as it upheld the forensic analysis of the laptop of a man returning from Mexico that turned up images of child pornography. (The court said that the fact that the man's name was on a watch list of sex offenders had created reasonable suspicion.)

But it's significant that this week's ruling follows – and refers to – a 2014 Supreme Court decision that broke new ground in recognizing that searches of devices such as smartphones and laptops pose a special threat to privacy. As Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote in that ruling: "Modern cellphones, as a category, implicate privacy concerns far beyond

those implicated by the search of a cigarette pack, a wallet, or a purse."

The 2014 ruling involved the search of a cellphone belonging to a person under arrest, and the court held that before trawling through its contents police had to obtain a search warrant by showing they had probable cause to believe that a crime had been committed.

Because of the special circumstances of border searches, Casper's ruling requires only reasonable suspicion, a lesser standard that CBP and Immigration and Customs Enforcement say they already employ in conducting so-called advanced searches of electronic devices, those that involve connecting external equipment to a device. Casper's ruling rightly requires reasonable suspicion before a border agent can conduct even a "basic" search of a device's contents.

This ruling recognizes that trawling through a traveler's phone or laptop for no reason is a 21st century violation of the 4th Amendment. When a suitable case presents itself, the Supreme Court should make the same call.

This editorial was first published in the Los Angeles Times.

Incompetence is not an impeachable offense

The problem with most conspiracy theories is that they presume too much competence on the part of the conspirators. The same may be true when it comes to President

Trump's alleged quid pro quo with Ukraine. As Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., put it, "What I can tell you about the Trump policy towards the Ukraine is that it was incoherent ... They seem to be incapable of forming a quid pro quo."

Graham may be right. Wednesday's impeachment hearing certainly provided no new evidence that Trump had a coherent strategy to use U.S. security assistance, and the prospect of a presidential meeting, to get Ukraine to investigate his political rivals.

The witnesses – William Taylor, the acting ambassador to Ukraine, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent – acknowledged that they had never spoken to the president and had no firsthand knowledge of Trump's thinking. As former independent counsel Kenneth Starr explained on Fox News, there was "no John Dean" to testify "this is what the president told me." If anything, Taylor testified that Gordon Sondland, the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, told him the president said on more than one occasion "no quid pro quo" and that he was effectively cut out of the decision-making process by a separate unofficial channel.

What we saw on display Wednesday were two dedicated, experienced career foreign policy officials who had been desperately trying to figure out what the president wanted – and inferring his intentions based on snippets of information from others. But their efforts to divine Trump's desires presume that the president knew what he wanted. It's not clear he did. His handling of Ukraine seemed less the execution of an intelligible plan than a chaotic mishmash of constantly changing urges and demands. According to Sondland, "President Trump changes his mind on what he wants on a daily basis."

Trump surrounded himself with a toxic brew of individuals whispering into his ear and appealing to his worst instincts. His personal lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani was filling his head with all sorts of conspiracy theories about Ukraine that made the president very hostile to the country. At the same time, acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, a spending hawk who doesn't like foreign aid to begin with, was trying to get Trump to enact a larger rescission of \$4 billion in foreign assistance before the end of the fiscal year – that included not just assistance for Ukraine but also development aid, economic support, military financing programs, global health programs in many countries and funding for international organizations.

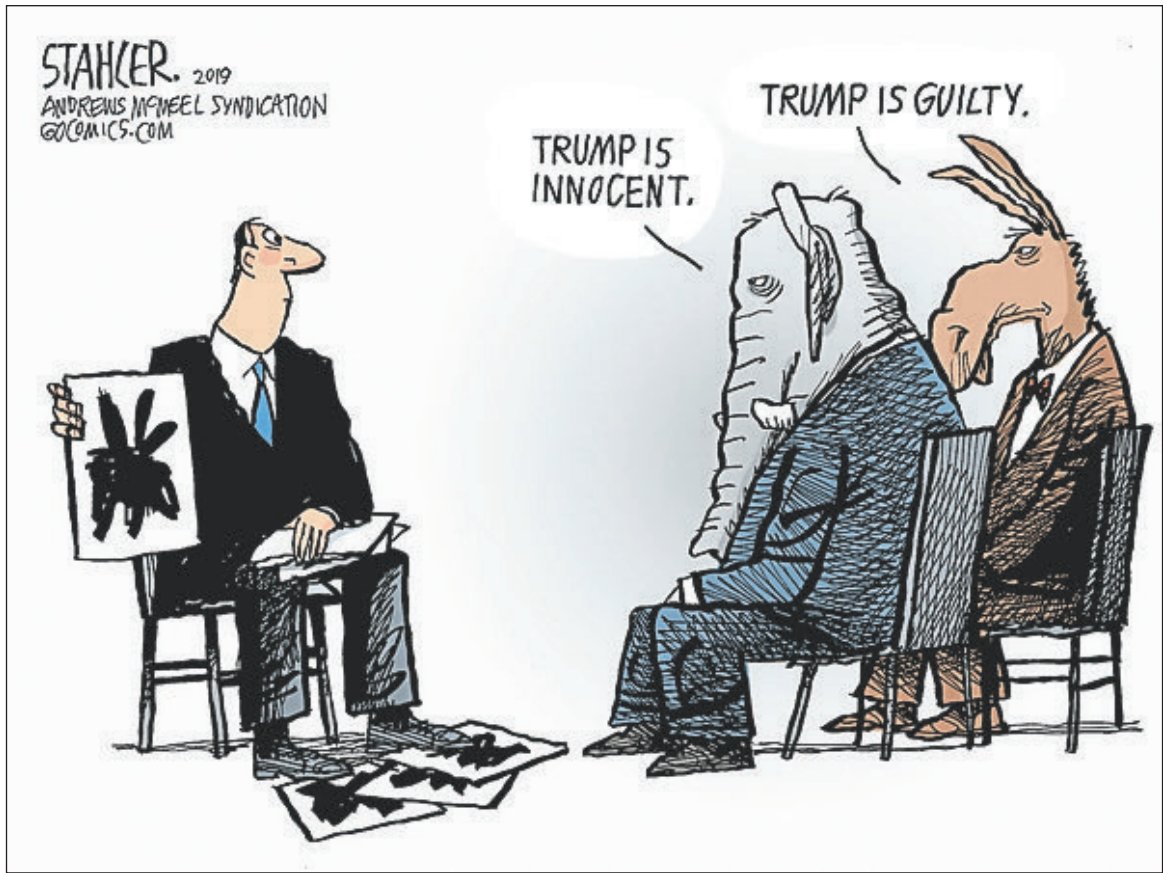
At one point Wednesday, Taylor testified that then-White House aide Tim Morrison told him the "president doesn't want to provide any assistance at all." That means Trump, at one point, was considering not delivering the Ukraine aid, period – regardless of what they did on "the investigations." Throw in Trump's long-standing concern about burden-sharing by our European allies, and his anger over now-disproved charges that he had conspired with Russia to steal the 2016 election, and the result is the mess we see before us.

Is it possible that Trump is an evil genius who came up with a strategic plan to leverage U.S. security assistance and a presidential meeting? If so, he did an awful job. For one thing, Taylor confirmed Wednesday that the Ukrainians were not aware that their aid was on hold until they learned about it from an Aug. 29 article in Politico, more than a month after Trump's call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Taylor testified that Ukrainian officials "contacted me very concerned, asking about the withheld security assistance ... At that point, I was embarrassed that I could give him no explanation for why it was withheld. It had still not occurred to me that the hold on security assistance could be related to the 'investigations.'" So, neither he nor the Ukrainians knew about the alleged quid pro quo. And then, less than two weeks later, the Ukrainians got the quid without delivering the quo.

Maybe future witnesses will provide the smoking-gun evidence that Trump ordered them to execute a quid pro quo. But it looks as though the entire Ukraine debacle may be the result less of intent than incompetence. And unfortunately for Democrats, incompetence is not an impeachable offense.

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The NCAA is a cafeteria of embarrassments

Another college basketball season has begun, as has a new chapter in a debate that is more wholesome than its subject: the academia-sports complex. Between now and March Madness – the NCAA basketball tournament whose broadcast rights reap about \$1 billion a year – millions of people will be entertained by vertically unusual "student-athletes." Some of them are accurately described as such, but all are so described because of prudence in the service of cupidity. As college athletes generate billions for others, the debate concerns the policy whereby the recipients of the revenue refuse to allow the players even a modest trickle of the torrent of money. The refusers say that their determination to hoard the wealth is altruism in defense of virtue. Really.

"Student-athletes" is a denotation concocted to insulate institutions of higher education from the potentially costly conclusion that their remunerative, but essentially unremunerated, athletes are university employees eligible for workers' compensation when injured, and for other rights and benefits. Now, however, there is a serpent in the NCAA's garden, where the head gardener is nicely compensated: In 2017, NCAA President Mark Emmert's net pay was \$2.9 million. He is paid to keep pristine the amateur status of young athletes who, like all athletes, have a small window for earning from their perishable talents.

The serpent is a California law, which 14 other states are already thinking about emulating. It forbids schools to prohibit their athletes

from earning money from endorsements and some other services. In response, the NCAA has rushed to stall – allowing athletes to profit from their names and images, details to follow. This is a small but widening fissure in the NCAA's crumbling wall of resistance to allowing athletes to be among those who profit from their talents.

A horrified Sen. Richard Burr from basketball-mad North Carolina – Burr is a Republican – has proposed a punitive tax on the scholarships of athletes who try to take such advantage of the free market. Evidently profiting from young people's talents is only for older adults, such as the 39 football and basketball coaches who are the highest paid public employees in their states. Including in Burr's state, where UNC's basketball coach is projected to make \$4.1 million this year, a tad more than its football coach.

Two years ago, the NCAA shrugged when a seven-year investigation – the Warren Commission's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination took fewer than 10 months – found that for almost two decades UNC administered a "shadow curriculum" of 188 fake classes, about half of them taken by athletes. The NCAA essentially said: Not our problem, the fraud was academic, not athletic, because some non-athletes took the courses.

Ohio State defensive end Chase Young might still win the Heisman Trophy as 2019's premier college football player, which would have a significant cash value when he heads for the NFL. But his chances of winning it were damaged when he was suspended for two games. (He will return in time for Midwest Armageddon, aka the Nov. 30 Michigan game.) Young's sin?

Perhaps having a less-than-affluent family. He borrowed money from a "family friend" to pay living expenses and repaid the loan last summer. The NCAA's more than 400 pages of arcane rules – they are compounds of complexity and vagueness – suggest that this loan might be an infraction. If Young's family were affluent enough to support him, or if he were paid for the services he renders in the 102,780-seat OSU stadium (three other college stadiums seat more), he would not have landed in hot water.

The NCAA, the Inspector Clouseau of virtue-enforcement, might ponder the lament of a few University of Louisville students and alumni: A court recently said, sensibly, that they cannot sue the prostitute who wrote a book about her "services" for the school's basketball players and prospective recruits. The litigious students and alumni say her book has exposed them to public ridicule when they wear Louisville's logo.

A multibillion-dollar entertainment industry insinuated into higher education is a permanent invitation to ridicule. And paying players money commensurate with their value-added would open a Pandora's box of new mischiefs, from recruiting to assigning value to the anonymous left tackle who protects the glittering quarterback, and saving crumbs for the volleyball teams. But what exists is a cafeteria of embarrassments.

When March Madness' winning players cut down the nets, they will do so atop (The Bulwark's Tim Miller reports) a Werner ladder using Fiskars scissors. These are two products from "corporate champions and sponsors" of the NCAA, the stern guardian of amateurism.

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IMPEACHMENT

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Trump, asked about it later, said, “I have the right to speak. I have freedom of speech.”

Rather than distract from the career diplomat’s testimony, Trump’s interference could provide more evidence against him in the probe. Democrats said an allegation of witness intimidation could become an obstruction of justice charge in the impeachment probe.

In her testimony, Yovanovitch described a “smear campaign” against her by Trump’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and others, including the president’s son, Donald Trump Jr., before her firing.

She told the lawmakers her sudden removal had played into the hands of “shady interests the world over” with dangerous intentions toward the United States. They have learned, she said, “how little it takes to remove an American ambassador who does not give them what they want.”

She said quietly, “Even now words fail me.”

Her removal from her post is one of several events at the center of the impeachment effort.

In his July phone call with new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Trump asked for a “favor,” according to an account provided by the White House. He wanted an investigation of Democrats and 2020 rival Joe Biden. Later it was revealed that the administration was withholding military aid from Ukraine at the time.

“These events should concern everyone in this room,” the diplomat testified in opening remarks.

Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the panel, said she was “too tough on corruption for some, and her principled stance made her enemies.”

It became clear, he said, “President Trump wanted her gone.”

The daughter of immigrants who fled the former Soviet Union and Nazi Germany, she described a 33-year career, including three tours as an ambassador to some of the world’s tougher postings, before arriving in Ukraine in 2016. She was forced out in May 2019.

She denied allegations against her, including that she favored Democrat Hillary Clinton over Trump in the 2016 election, and she rejected the notion that Ukraine tried to interfere in the election, as Trump claims, counter to mainstream U.S. intelligence findings that it was Russia.

The top Republican on the panel, Rep. Devin Nunes of California, bemoaned the hearings as a “daylong TV spectacle.”

Nunes complained that Democrats are relying on hearsay testimony from witnesses who only know of Trump’s actions second-hand, and Republicans noted during questioning that Yovanovitch had left her position before the July phone call.

Nunes also pressed to hear from the still anonymous government whistleblower who first alerted officials about Trump’s phone

call with Ukraine that is in question. “These hearings should not be occurring at all,” he said.

But one Republican, Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, said Trump’s live tweeting at the ambassador was wrong. She said, “I don’t think the president should have done that.”

Just as the hearing was opening, the White House released its rough transcript of a still-earlier Trump call with Zelenskiy that was largely congratulatory.

Nunes read that transcript aloud. In it, Trump mentioned his experience with the Miss Universe pageant in Ukraine and invited Zelenskiy to the White House. He closed with, “See you very soon.”

Yovanovitch, a career diplomat, who has served both Republican and Democratic presidents, relayed her striking story of being told to “watch my back” and then being suddenly recalled by Trump in a swiftly developing series of events that sounded alarms about a White House shadow foreign policy.

In particular, Yovanovitch and others have described Giuliani, Trump’s lawyer, as leading what one called an “irregular channel” outside the diplomatic mainstream of U.S.-Ukraine relations. Asked during an earlier, closed-door deposition if anyone at the State Department who was alerted to Giuliani’s role tried to stop him, she testified, “I don’t think they felt they could.”

Under questioning from Republicans, she acknowledged that Joe Biden’s son, Hunter, serving on the board of a gas company in Ukraine could have created the appearance of a conflict of interest. But she testified the former vice president acted in accordance with official U.S. policy.

The White House has instructed officials not to comply with the probe, and most have been issued subpoenas to appear.

Later Friday, the panel in closed-door session was to hear from David Holmes, a political adviser in Kyiv, who overheard Trump asking about the investigations the day after the July conversation with Zelenskiy. Holmes was at dinner with Gordon Sondland when the Ambassador to the European Union called up Trump. The conversation was apparently loud enough to be heard.

Trump says he knows nothing of such a call. The Associated Press has reported a second U.S. Embassy official also overheard it.

Yovanovitch and other officials now testifying publicly are providing accounts that Democrats are relying on to make the case that the president’s behavior was impeachable.

Americans are deeply entrenched in two camps over impeachment, resulting in a mounting political battle that will further test the nation in one of the most polarizing eras of modern times.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says Trump’s actions toward Ukraine amount to “bribery.”

Trump repeatedly assails the proceedings as a “hoax” and a “sham” and says he did nothing wrong.

No diary, note, motive found in California school shooting

BY STEFANIE DAZIO and JOHN ANTCAK Associated Press

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Investigators said Friday they have yet to find a diary, manifesto or note that would explain why a boy killed two students outside his Southern California high school on his 16th birthday.

No motive has been established in the Thursday morning shooting at Saugus High School in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita, said sheriff’s homicide Capt. Kent Wegener.

The teenager opened fire around the beginning of the school day, and authorities estimated he took just 16 seconds to pull out

the weapon and shoot five classmates and then himself in a large central outdoor area.

Police said it was evident the teen planned the attack by the way he used the weapon and counted his rounds. The last bullet was fired into his head. He remained in critical condition Friday.

Two students died, two remain hospitalized and one was released from the hospital.

One of the dead was identified as 15-year-old Gracie Anne Muehlberger. The shooter and the other victims have not been identified.

The suspect was described as a quiet and smart kid who was a Boy Scout and had previously run track for his school.

The other student who died was 14. Doctors said Friday morning that two girls, ages 14 and 15, who were both shot in the torso, are doing well and should be released from the hospital over the weekend.

A 14-year-old boy was treated and released from another hospital, authorities said.

A post on an Instagram account that said “Saugus, have fun at school tomorrow” and reported as possibly belonging to the shooter was debunked.

The account did not belong to the shooter and it was disabled for violating policies, Instagram owner Facebook said Friday.

Joe Fitzpatrick, a senior who helped the teacher in the boy’s physics class, called him a “good, quiet kid” who didn’t miss assignments and did well on tests.

“He just seemed like one of those regular kids,” Fitzpatrick said.

Fellow students and a neighbor said he gave no indication he would become violent. One girl who knew him for years said he wasn’t bullied and had a girlfriend.

When gunfire broke out, students turned off lights, barricaded themselves and sheltered in place.

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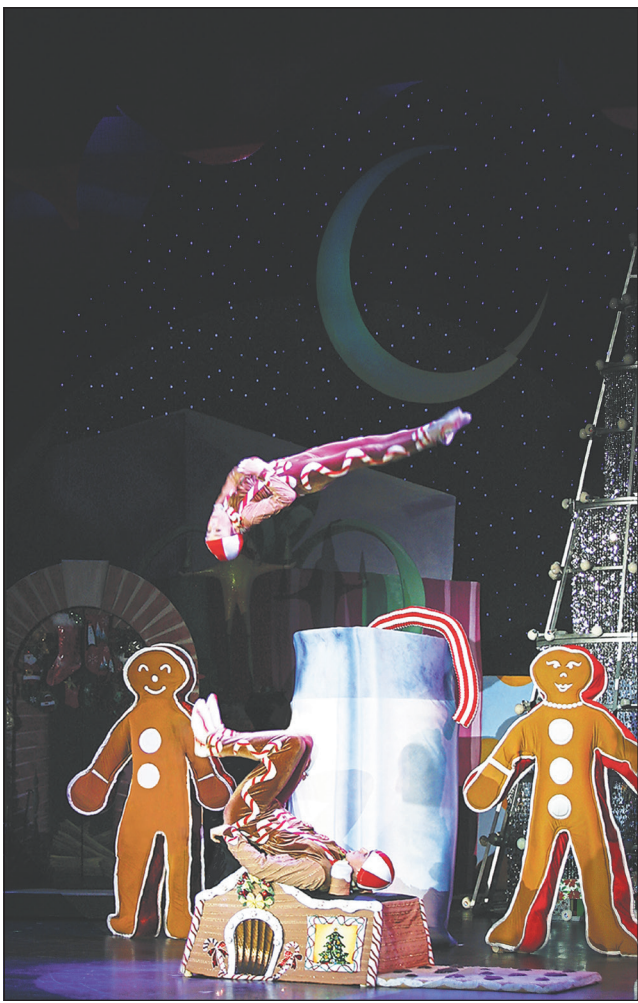
show that come in and dance with us as the singers, they struggle to learn some of the dances and they say, 'How can you sing and dance at the same time?' And it's just something we're trained to do just like the foot juggler can juggle a table while laying on her back. I can't do that. Everyone has their craft and their specialty. And we just stay focused and we work really hard."

Lieberman said preparation for the show was key.

"Everyone has to come to show pretty prepared in terms of having their own acts down and knowing the music for their acts as well as the opening and the finale, because we all take part in those," she said. "The singers have to come in fully prepared, memorized for every song because we're singing throughout the entire show."

Lieberman said she first received her materials to prepare in September, but that some of the other performers stay ready year-round.

"One of my favorite songs I do get to perform. I love 'O Holy Night.' It is one of my favorite songs. I love singing it and I'm so fortunate that I get to sing it here in this show in this setting," she



**COSTUMES:** Some acts have up to 10 costumes.

said.

Lieberman said last year she was able to perform in her home state of New Jersey the day after Christmas, so she was able to be home

for the holidays.

"This year we are going to be away for the holidays. But, you perform and you live with, and we as a cast become a big family. So,



**TICKETS:** Most seats are priced at \$25, \$35 and \$45.



**PREPARE:** Singers for the show began preparing in September, but some acts train all year.

I'm sure that for the holidays we'll all come together and have our own Christmas, or whatever holiday people want to celebrate," she said. Lieberman said her advice

for those wanted to pursue a career in musical theater was simple: "Don't give up." "There will be 'nos,' but you will get a 'yes.' And you have to keep going. You have

to persevere, work on your craft. Stay positive. Have a good attitude. And believe that what you want to have happen will happen," she said.

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Basketball legend  
Russell finally accepts  
Hall of Fame ring

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Bill Russell says he's finally ready to be a Hall of Famer.

The 11-time NBA champion, five-time MVP, Olympic gold medalist and two-time NCAA champ said on Twitter on Friday that he was presented with his Hall of Fame ring in a private ceremony that comes three decades after he was first selected for the shrine at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Russell didn't attend his induction ceremony in 1975.

He says he didn't deserve to be the first black player inducted. He tweeted that "I felt others before me should have that honor."

His tweet mentions Chuck Cooper, who in 1950 was the first African-American player drafted by the NBA and who was inducted this year.

Russell says the ceremony was attended by his wife, along with close friends and Hall of Famers Bill Walton, Ann Meyers and Alonzo Mourning.

NASCAR's Cup Series  
finale sells out for  
6th straight year

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR says the Cup Series season finale is sold out for the sixth consecutive year.

Homestead-Miami Speedway announced Friday that all seats in the grandstands have been sold for the EcoBoost 400, although many tickets can be found in secondary markets well below face value.

The track still has some hospitality opportunities available for Sunday's race. Tickets also remained available Friday for the Truck Series finale and the Xfinity Series finale.

It's the last "championship weekend" for Homestead, which will host races in March beginning in 2020. ISM Raceway near Phoenix will host NASCAR's championship races next year and possibly beyond.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



POST: Wabash's Mariah Wyatt (42) holds off a Mississinewa defender in the post during Thursday's contest against the Indians.

Apaches struggle with  
turnovers in road loss

BY SCOTT HUNT  
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GAS CITY — A wise basketball coach once said that defense should never have an off night. If that holds true all season, the Mississinewa girls basketball team is going to cause a lot of long nights for its opponents.

The Indians used their size, speed and quickness to pressure visiting Wabash into 31 turnovers Thursday night and limited the Apaches to only 33 shot attempts during the game en route to a 56-26 win.

Despite turning the ball over 21 times through the first half, Wabash trailed just 19-11 at intermission thanks to a stout defensive effort of its own. The Apaches held Ole Miss to just 7-of-32 shooting from the field and was well within striking distance when the second half started.

"We were lucky because they weren't making threes in the first. I

thought we did a good job defensively, but if they would have made threes we wouldn't have been within eight," said Wabash coach Matt Stone. "But those turnovers just killed us."

"A little bit of different speed than the first game," he added, referring to the Apaches' 75-32 win at Elwood on Saturday to open the season. "Certainly they're good, but we weren't very smart with the ball either. Hopefully its something we can learn from and we'll clean up, its the second game of the year. But you can't turn the ball over 30 times and beat anybody especially good teams."

Mississinewa's senior point guard Riley McKee was the ring leader for on both ends of the floor. She poured in a game-high 15 points to lead four Indians' in double-figure points. McKee also came up with 10 steals to spearhead the Ole Miss defensive effort.

The Indians led 9-7 after the first quarter but held the Apaches scoreless for more than 7:30 in the second quarter while putting together a 10-0 run. Alivia Short scored a two-pointer 25 seconds before halftime and Isabelle Davis knocked down pair of free throws with 2.9 seconds remaining to pull Wabash back within eight points.

While Wabash took better care of the ball in the third quarter, Ole Miss heated up from the field and broke the game open. The Indians made 9-of-12 field goal attempts and outscored the Apaches, 22-6. Junior guard Alayna Webb scored all 10 of her points for Mississinewa in the midst of an 18-3 run that extended the host's advantage to 37-14 in the first five minutes of the quarter.

"Our third quarter was really, really good defensively, we held them to six

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Knights frustrated  
offensively in  
loss to Panthers

BY JACOB RUDE  
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The Southwood girls' basketball team started and finished Thursday's home duel with Pioneer strong, playing the Panthers nearly even in the first and fourth quarters. In-between those periods, though, offensive struggles spelled doom for the Knights.

After trailing just 7-6 after the opening eight minutes against the Panthers, Southwood saw the guests open up a 20-11 lead by halftime before exploding in the third to lead 35-17 as they cruised to a 52-32 win on the night.

"Really, we just struggled just to shoot," Southwood head coach Chad West said. "I thought we got a lot of decent looks, especially in the first quarter, and just absolutely nothing fell. Defensively, we started great, held them to seven in the first quarter and told them 'If you do that every quarter, you'll be fine.' Had we held them to 28, we'd be fine."

"But it is hard, as you continue to miss and miss and miss, it keeps getting harder and harder to defend. So, that bled in. They're a pretty darn good team, too. I knew it was going to be a scrum. I thought we'd with them a lot better. But we couldn't throw it in the ocean and then we couldn't execute any plays. We definitely have to get back to work on working on the plays, executing the plays."

The Knights had multiple chances at taking control early in the contest but struggled from the field in the opening period and trailed 7-6. The Panthers rebounded in the second quarter and took control, opening up a nearly double-digit lead in the second period to head into the break up 20-11.

The Panthers only continued building its lead in the third, opening it up to 32-15 after a string of baskets in



PASS: Southwood's Sydney Helfin (21) throws a pass across the court during Thursday's game against Pioneer.

JACOB RUDE/Plain Dealer

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NFL

Foles  
ready  
for return  
as Jags,  
Colts  
square off

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Nick Foles' long-awaited return will come with all the typical emotions Sunday.

The Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback is excited to play, eager to prove he's healthy and optimistic about keeping his team in the playoff hunt. And, the most anticipated part for Foles might be his brief reunion with Colts coach Frank Reich, the man who helped revive his career.

"He's a guy that I admire more than anything," Foles said. "He's a guy that has impacted my life so much, and he's going to be on the opposing sideline, so that's going to be fun."

Foles entered the league as a third-round pick, full of promise. But after four seasons and 35 starts in Philadelphia and St. Louis, Foles found himself in the backup role in Kansas City and then Philadelphia, where Reich was in his second season as offensive coordinator.

Then, when MVP front-runner Carson Wentz went down with a late-season injury and the Eagles' offense started to sputter, Reich made an adjustment for the playoffs and everything changed.

Foles led the Eagles to the Super Bowl title, was named Super Bowl MVP and Reich took the job in Indianapolis.

On Sunday, they'll be on opposite sidelines in Indianapolis.

"I think it will be emotional seeing him because of what he means to me," Foles said. "He's one of the greatest people I've ever met, so when he went there, I was so excited for him. But I'm going to go out there and play."

The Colts (5-4) don't have much film on Foles.

He took only 11 snaps before breaking his left collarbone then turned the job over to rookie Gardner Minshew who became an instant sensation because of his moustache and his ability to win.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 21 Navy’s defense concerns Kelly, No. 16 Irish

BY JOHN FINERAN  
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Preparing for Navy’s triple-option offense is an annual headache for Notre Dame, but it’s the Midshipmen’s defense that has coach Brian Kelly reaching for the aspirin. “I’m really impressed with their defensive structure,” Kelly said. “They’ve been very aggressive. Their defense is so much better at everything they do from coverage to getting after the quarterback (and) tackling.” It’s the 93rd consecutive meeting between the No. 16 Fighting Irish (7-2, No. 16 College Football Playoff) and the No. 21 Midshipmen (7-1, No. 23 CFP) on Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. After a rare 3-10 finish in 2018, veteran Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo revamped his defensive staff, bringing in defensive coordinator Brian Newberry from FCS power Kennesaw State. Newberry’s multiple schemes, using 4-2-5 and 3-4 principles, have produced an about-face for the Midshipmen, who are

riding a five-game winning streak. Led by linebackers Diego Fagot, Paul Carothers and Jacob Springer, safeties Evan Fochtman and Kevin Brennan and linemen Nizaire Cromartie and J’arius Warren, Navy is 15th nationally in scoring defense (15.1 points average), 17th in rushing defense (109.4 yards), 17th in total defense (310.6 yards) and 21st in quarterback sacks (3.0). Niumatalolo knows playing Notre Dame is never easy, especially with the Irish coming off one of their better offensive performances of the season. In their second straight victory, a 38-7 triumph at Duke, Kelly’s Irish were led by quarterback Ian Book, who threw for four touchdown passes and 181 yards and rushed for a career-high 139 of Notre Dame’s 288 yards. “We know who they are — it’s going to be really, really hard for us to beat them,” said Niumatalolo, who has been on the winning sideline four times in 22 seasons as

an assistant or head coach in the series the Irish dominate 78-13-1 with the help of an NCAA-record 43-game winning streak (1964-2007). “We have to play really well just to have chance.” Quarterback Malcolm Perry is averaging 130.2 of Navy’s nation-leading 357.9 rushing yards with 16 touchdowns. The 5-foot-9, 195-pound senior has improved his passing (722 yards, 5 TDs) since the Irish last saw him as a slotback (133 rushing yards) during their 44-22 victory in San Diego last season. Fullbacks Nelson Smith (505 yards, 7 TDs) and J-male Carothers (355, 8) are a handful, too, on an offense that is averaging 40.1 points. “(Perry) can turn a play of zero yards into a touchdown,” Kelly said. “Your discipline has to be second to none.”

**STREAKERS**

Navy’s five-game winning streak began with a 34-25 victory over Commander-in-Chief Trophy rival Air Force

on Oct. 5. Atlantic Athletic Conference victories at Tulsa (45-17), over South Florida (35-3) and Tulane (41-38) and at Connecticut (56-10) followed until last weekend’s bye. The Midshipmen haven’t won six in a row since 1978 when they started 7-0 and were ranked No. 11 under George Welsh and then lost to Dan Devine’s No. 15 Notre Dame, 27-7, in Cleveland’s old Municipal Stadium. It was the 15th straight victory in the series for the Irish, who would stretch the streak to an NCAA-record 43 games before Navy won 46-44 in triple overtime at South Bend in 2007. The Irish have won 16 straight at Notre Dame Stadium. However, the 273-game home sellout streak will end, dating back to 1973.

**RED-ZONE MASTERS**

The Midshipmen have been extremely impressive inside their opponents’ 20-yard line, producing 26 touchdowns (25 rushing, 1

passing) and two field goals in 29 visits, a percentage of .966 that is tied for fourth with Iowa behind leaders LSU (.980), Georgia (.974) and Virginia Tech (.974). Navy’s only failure came in the Holy Cross opener when the Midshipmen took a knee to end the game. The Irish, who started 20 for 20 and led the nation at one point, have slipped into a tie for 16th with their .917 percentage of 29 touchdowns (13 rushing, 16 passing) and four field goals in 36 attempts.

**POSSESSED**

Kelly’s teams have traditionally not ranked among the national leaders in time of possession. The Irish are averaging 27:55 per game, 105th among 130 teams. Navy is 19th at 32:41. When the teams met in South Bend in 2017, Navy led 42:42 to 17:18 and the Irish needed a pair of Brandon Wimbush TD passes to pull out a 24-17 victory. In 2016 at Jacksonville,

Kelly elected to kick a field goal with 7:28 remaining in the fourth quarter to pull within 28-27, figuring a defensive stop would give the Irish a chance to win. Notre Dame never saw the football again as ran out the clock.

**ANCHORED**

Free safety Alohi Gilman will play in his third Notre Dame-Navy game but only the second for Irish. Gilman started at safety for Navy as a true freshman in 2016 and left Kelly impressed with his game-high 12 tackles in Navy’s victory. “Extremely active, really good tackler — somebody who got our attention immediately,” Kelly said. Gilman then transferred to Notre Dame, sat out 2017 and made seven stops in last season’s 44-22 Irish victory in San Diego. Irish junior defensive tackle Myron Tagovailoa-Amosa’s older brother, Adam Amosa-Tagovailoa, graduated from the Naval Academy earlier this year after playing offensive tackle.

TENNIS

Zverev advances to semis at ATP Finals

LONDON (AP) — Defending champion Alexander Zverev secured the last semifinal spot at the ATP Finals on Friday — eliminating Rafael Nadal in the process. Zverev beat already eliminated Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 7-6 (4) at the O2 Arena to finish second behind Stefanos Tsitsipas in the group and set up a semifinal against Dominic Thiem. Earlier, Nadal stayed in contention by rallying to beat Tsitsipas 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-5 for his second win of the round-robin stage. But Zverev’s win left him, Nadal, and Tsitsipas with identical 2-1 records — with the top-ranked Span-

iard eliminated based on the tournament’s tiebreaker rules. Medvedev (0-3) had only pride to play for against Zverev and was broken in the opening game. The Russian largely held his own after that but couldn’t force a single break point and double-faulted to go 5-3 down in the second-set tiebreaker. Zverev converted his first match point with an ace. Tsitsipas will face six-time champion Roger Federer in the first semifinal on Saturday. The Greek had already secured a semifinal spot by winning his opening two matches but still pushed Nadal to the wire in a match

that lasted nearly three hours. That effort could cost him against Federer, who needed only 1 hour, 13 minutes to beat Novak Djokovic in his final group-stage match on Thursday and spent Friday resting up. But at 21, Tsitsipas is 17 years younger than Federer, and said he felt confident he’ll recover quickly. “It’s OK, my body feels well currently,” Tsitsipas said. “I don’t feel pain anywhere. I feel fresh, honestly. After having a long, difficult match like this, I feel like I can go out and play tomorrow the same way. So I don’t have any problem with that.”

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Now with the Jags (4-5) needing a division win, Foles returns — just in time for Reich to help give his defensive coaches a scouting report. “I sat down and spoke with (defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus) about Nick’s abilities, mindset and that kind of thing — not a whole lot to be honest with you,” Reich said. “I told him what I thought about a few things, in detail about a few things.” Indy is dealing with its own issues. For the first time in 13 months, they’ve lost back-to-back games. They’ve fallen out of the AFC South lead and are dealing with their own quarterback situation as Jacoby Brissett tries to play with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Brian Hoyer replaced Brissett each of the past two weeks but Brissett was a full participant in practice and is expected to reclaim his starting job Sunday. But for Foles, this game

comes with a personal touch. “He’d get up in front of the team after a loss or tough time and he just kept it real and he kept it light, he was joyful,” Foles said of Reich. “There was something different in his heart. But seeing him handle his everyday life like he did, with the joy he had, and how he spoke to people and loved everyone, was the most impactful thing and it was really special to be around. And obviously, he’s an amazing coach, he knows football.”

**TRENDING**

Indy won 11 of the first 14 games in this series, but lately Jacksonville has had the upper hand. The Jags have won three of four under coach Doug Marrone and have not allowed a point in the past three halves against the Colts. Indy has only been shut out twice since 2003 — and both came against Jacksonville during Marrone’s tenure. “We still have to keep developing, we still have to get these guys better,” Marrone said. “We need to get better

and better each week.”

**ON DEFENSE**

While Indy’s offense has languished the past few weeks, the defense has played well. In the past five games, Indy is allowing an average of 18.2 points — a number that is even lower when an interception return for a touchdown is subtracted. But the difference isn’t just showing up on the scoreboard. Reich and Eberflus say they see it on tape, play after play.

**KICKING WOES**

Adam Vinatieri has missed six extra points and five field goals this season, and it was a hot topic all week in Indy. The Colts brought in free agents for tryouts Tuesday before opting to stick with the 24-year veteran who is the league’s career scoring leader. Reich continues to insist he has full confidence in his kicker. “I believe whatever we’re going through is just a phase and he is going to help us win games and get to where we want to go,” Reich said.

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the period. Erin Lehner connected on a basket to break up the run but Olivia Brooke closed the quarter with a three-point to give Pioneer a 35-17 lead. MaKenna Pace connected on a three-pointer just shy of two minutes into the fourth to cut the lead down to 15 but Pioneer quickly shot down any thoughts of a comeback with a 9-0 run. Scores from Ella Hauptert and Aleia Sweet sandwiched free throws from Sierra Stout and Lehner in the quarter but Pioneer only stretched its lead in that span to 52-24.

Southwood scored the final eight points to make the final score a bit more respectable by the final buzzer. “They started picking us apart,” West said of his defense. “We got a little bit tired. They passed very well against our zone. As we extended, they really got it to the high post, went high-low and made some shots. But if we’re shooting a little bit better, we’re defending a little bit better. So, yeah, it got away from us. Disappointing, but that’s why it’s nice to play a lot of non-conference games early.” Pace finished with a team-high 12 points while Lehner had six. Stout and Sweet had four points each while

Hauptert, Rylee Barney and Bailey Wyatt all had two points. The positives for West came in the performance of his young players in the fourth quarter in Sweet and Hauptert. “That was definitely nice,” West said. “Those are girls that play spotty (minutes) here and there. Those are freshmen we’re trying to bring along. It’s nice when you get those opportunities then maybe when you need them in a close game the next game, they have a little bit of experience and are ready to contribute.” Southwood falls to 1-1 on the season. The Knights will travel to Huntington North on Saturday.

APACHES

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points, that’s our identity,” said Indians’ first-year head coach Laura Friday. “We’re going to bring that every single night. We know that we’re going play defense. “Some nights our shots aren’t going to fall, tonight they weren’t falling like they have been the last two games, but we know our defense is going to be there every single night,” she added. “We’re just going to keep riding that and make sure we’re guarding people every single night.” Mississinewa senior Caily Bolser, who will sign a letter of intent to continue her basketball career at the Univer-

sity of Toledo on Friday, finished with 12 points and five rebounds. But the Apaches made the 6-foot-4 post player earn every one. Bolser hit 4-of-9 from the floor and 4-of-7 from the foul line. Wabash’s junior post tandem of Alivia Short and Mariah Wyatt, and most often another Apache or two, kept Bolser surrounded every time she touched the ball. “We knew we had our hands full twice this week, now we’ve got to do it again on Saturday as Marion comes to town,” Stone said, noting the Apaches match up with the Giants on Saturday and 6-6 Purdue recruit RaShaya Kyle. “That’s what we talked about, we have some big bodies and we

have some kids, let’s make it hard on her. I’m happy our kids executed what we wanted to do, we’ve just got to take care of the ball better.” Sophomore Mia Catey finished with 10 points and made six steals for Ole Miss while senior Laekyn Emmons chipped in six points. Kaiyah Jones hit a late three-pointer to finish the Indians’ scoring. Wyatt and Short each scored seven points to lead Wabash while Maya Benysh added six. Davis, Rylee Yoakum and Emma Tracy had two points apiece for the Apaches. Wabash (1-1) hosts Marion at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Mississinewa (3-0) will entertain Indianapolis Cathedral on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 9 Penn State looking to bounce back vs No. 24 Indiana

Hoosiers ranked for 1st time since 1994

BY TRAVIS JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State still has a path to the College Football Playoff, although the No. 9 Nittany Lions can’t afford another slipup. Especially against a team they’ve historically beaten. However, this Indiana team is different, and the No. 24 Hoosiers (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten) are determined to show they belong. The Hoosiers, who are bowl-eligible for the second time in coach Tom Allen’s tenure, earned their first AP Top 25 ranking since 1993 with their fourth-straight win last week. “Doesn’t really mean anything in regard to on the field,” Allen said. “You have to keep proving it.” They’ll have a shot at the Nittany Lions (8-1, 5-1), who look to bounce back from their first loss. Penn State dropped from fourth to ninth in the CFP rankings after losing at Minnesota. Penn State coach James Franklin’s voice piqued at his weekly press conference when asked if his team’s confidence was shaken by the 31-26 loss in Minneapolis. The Nittany Lions played from behind all afternoon, turned the ball over three times and surrendered season highs in points (31) and yards (460). “We’re one of the best teams in the country,” Franklin said. “You know, probably doesn’t feel that way around here right now,

but we dealt with it. We handled it. I mean, obviously when you have success and you win, you’re more confident and when you have setbacks and you lose, it challenges that. But we’ve got a resilient group of guys and a resilient coaching staff.”

**EYES ON CLIFFORD**

Penn State quarterback Sean Clifford has been trustworthy with the ball all season. But his three interceptions last week, including one in the end zone in the game’s waning moments, helped seal the loss. He had taken a beating in the game, banging his throwing hand off a helmet early and suffering what appeared to be an ankle injury in the fourth quarter. But Clifford emerged from the sideline medical tent and started rallying his teammates on the sideline. Franklin called it a “gutsy, gutsy performance” and said he expects the junior to bounce back against a Hoosier defense that’s been among the nation’s best. Indiana is allowing just 154 passing yards per game over their past four. “I think he’s probably — although probably people don’t want to admit this — he’s probably played better than anybody anticipated him coming into the year,” Franklin said. “I’m very proud of him. Very, very proud of him.”

**ATTACK THE SECONDARY**

Penn State’s proficiency stopping the run has forced opponents to often take to the air. The Hoosiers are prepared to do that with quarterback Peyton Ramsey and wideout

Whop Philyor, who have developed strong chemistry. Ramsey is completing 72% of his passes and most of them have gone to the speedy, shifty Philyor. His 59 catches this season have surpassed the 56 over his previous 18 games. While Franklin contends that Penn State’s pass defense, ranked 10th in the Big Ten (allowing 225 yards per game) is better than the numbers indicate, the Nittany Lions still allowed Minnesota to connect on passing scores of 66, 38 and 21 yards.

**ANOTHER SHOT**

The last time Indiana played a Top 10 team, it wasn’t pretty. The Hoosiers were blown out 51-10 at home in the Big Ten opener against Ohio State. “We ran into quite the buzz saw,” Allen said. “We chose to go back to work and get better. So now we have a chance to line up again against a team of that same caliber. We’ll see where we are.”

**STARTERS RETURN**

Penn state defensive tackle Antonio Shelton and star linebacker Micah Parsons are expected to start after serving suspensions last week. Shelton will return from his one-game ban for spitting at a Michigan State player. Parsons missed the opening series last week for what Franklin has called “behavior modification” but played most of the game. Penn State hadn’t surrendered a first-quarter touchdown all season before the Golden Gophers scored two on their first two possessions.



ON THE AIR

**AUTO RACING**  
**9:55 a.m.**  
**ESPNU:** Formula One: The Brazilian Grand Prix, practice session 3, São Paulo  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** NASCAR Xfinity Series: qualifying, Miami  
**12:55 p.m.**  
**ESPNEWS:** Formula One: The Brazilian Grand Prix, qualifying, São Paulo  
**2 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: qualifying, Miami  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Ford EcoBoost 300, Miami  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**12 p.m.**  
**FS2:** Ohio at Villanova  
**2 p.m.**  
**FS2:** St. Peter's at Providence  
**4 p.m.**  
**FS2:** Vermont at St. John's  
**6 p.m.**  
**FS2:** Louisiana Tech at Creighton  
**8 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Troy at Indiana  
**FS2:** Wofford at Butler  
**11 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** Southern California at Nevada (Reno)  
**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ABC:** Indiana at Penn State  
**BTN:** Wisconsin at Nebraska  
**CBS:** Florida at Missouri  
**CBSSN:** Virginia Military at Army  
**ESPN:** Alabama at Mississippi State  
**ESPN2:** Texas Christian at Texas Tech  
**ESPNU:** Tulane at Temple  
**FOX:** Michigan State at Michigan  
**FS1:** Kansas at Oklahoma State  
**SEC:** Alabama at Mississippi State (SkyCam)  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Navy at Notre Dame  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**ABC:** Wake Forest at Clemson  
**BTN:** Ohio State at Rutgers  
**CBS:** Georgia at Auburn  
**CBSSN:** Central Michigan at Ball State  
**ESPN:** West Virginia at Kansas State  
**ESPN2:** Memphis at Houston  
**FS1:** Texas at Iowa State  
**SEC:** Kentucky at Vanderbilt  
**4 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** Wyoming at Utah State  
**FOX:** Minnesota at Iowa  
**7 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** Cincinnati at South Florida  
**ESPN:** Louisiana State at Mississippi  
**ESPN2:** Air Force at Colorado State  
**FS1:** Arizona State at Oregon State  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**ABC:** Oklahoma at Baylor  
**ESPNU:** Appalachian State at Georgia State  
**SEC:** South Carolina at Texas A&M  
**8 p.m.**  
**FOX:** UCLA at Utah  
**10:15 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** New Mexico at Boise State  
**10:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** Arizona at Oregon  
**ESPNU:** Bethune-Cookman at North Carolina A&T (taped)

**11 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Southern California at California  
**GOLF**  
**2 p.m.**  
**GOLF:** PGA Tour: The Mayakoba Classic, third round, Playa del Carmen, Mexico  
**2 a.m. (Sunday)**  
**GOLF:** PGA Tour: The Nedbank Golf Challenge, final round, Sun City, South Africa  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**6 p.m.**  
**NBA:** Brooklyn at Chicago  
**RUGBY**  
**1 a.m. (Sunday)**  
**NBCSN:** Heineken Cup: Bath vs. Ulster (taped)  
**TENNIS**  
**7 a.m.**  
**TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Doubles Semifinal, London  
**9 a.m.**  
**ESPNEWS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Semifinal, London  
**TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Singles Semifinal, London  
**1 p.m.**  
**TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Doubles Semifinal, London  
**3 p.m.**  
**TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Singles Semifinal, London  
**6 a.m. (Sunday)**  
**ESPN2:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Semifinal, London (taped) —

**Sunday**  
**AUTO RACING**  
**12:05 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Formula One: The Brazilian Grand Prix, São Paulo  
**3 p.m.**  
**NBC:** NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series: The Ford EcoBoost 400, Miami  
**4 p.m.**  
**FS1:** NHRA Drag Racing: The Auto Club NHRA Finals, Pomona, Calif.  
**CFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**ESPNEWS:** Playoff: Edmonton at Hamilton, Eastern Final  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** Playoff: Winnipeg at Saskatchewan, Western Final  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
**1 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Marquette at Wisconsin  
**3 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** Florida at Connecticut  
**4 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** Seton Hall at St. Louis  
**6 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** Wake Forest at Charlotte  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**FS1:** Georgia State at Georgetown  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
**4 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Arizona State at Minnesota  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**CBSSN:** WNIT Preseason Tournament: Oregon State vs. Missouri State, Championship  
**COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**12 p.m.**  
**ESPNU:** ACC Tournament: Clemson vs. Virginia, Championship, Cary, N.C.

**FS2:** Big East Tournament: Providence at Georgetown, Championship  
**2 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Big Ten Tournament: Teams TBD, Championship, College Park, Md.  
**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
**1 p.m.**  
**SEC:** Alabama at Arkansas  
**3 p.m.**  
**SEC:** Kentucky at Florida  
**COLLEGE WRESTLING**  
**12 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Virginia Tech at Ohio State  
**FIGURE SKATING**  
**12 p.m.**  
**NBC:** ISU Grand Prix: The Rostelecom Cup, Moscow (taped)  
**GOLF**  
**2 p.m.**  
**GOLF:** PGA Tour: The Mayakoba Classic, final round, Playa del Carmen, Mexico  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Buffalo at Miami, Denver at Minnesota, Houston at Baltimore  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Dallas at Detroit, New Orleans at Tampa Bay, NY Jets at Washington, Atlanta at Carolina  
**4:05 p.m.**  
**FOX:** Regional Coverage: Arizona at San Francisco  
**4:25 p.m.**  
**CBS:** Regional Coverage: Cincinnati at Oakland, New England at Philadelphia  
**8:20 p.m.**  
**NBC:** Chicago at LA Rams  
**RUGBY**  
**8 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** The Heineken Cup: Lyon vs. Northampton  
**10 a.m.**  
**NBCSN:** The Heineken Cup: Racing 92 vs. Saracens  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
**8:50 a.m.**  
**ESPNEWS:** UEFA Euro 2020 Qualifier: Portugal vs. Luxembourg, Luxembourg  
**4:50 p.m.**  
**FS2:** FIFA U-17 World Cup: Mexico vs. Brazil, Final, Brasília, Brazil  
**7 p.m.**  
**FS2:** FIFA U-17 World Cup: Netherlands vs. France, Third Place Match, Brasília, Brazil  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2:** USL Playoff: Real Monarchs at Louisville City FC, Final  
**SWIMMING**  
**1 a.m. (Monday)**  
**ESPN2:** ISL: From College Park, Md. (taped)  
**TENNIS**  
**6 a.m.**  
**ESPN2:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Semifinal, London (taped)  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Doubles Final, London  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**TENNIS:** USTA: Men's Pro Circuit, Singles Final, Champaign, Ill.  
**1 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** ATP: World Tour Finals,

MLB

Angels' Trout overcomes injury, tragedy to win 3rd AL MVP

BY JAKE SEINER  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — It had never been so difficult for Mike Trout to arrive at the ballpark, get his mind and body ready, and perform at the level baseball fans have come to expect.

And still, nobody did it better in the American League.

Trout overcame injury and tragedy to win his third AL MVP award Thursday night, getting 17 of 30 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Alex Bregman of the Houston Astros was second, and that duo combined for all the first- and second-place votes. Trout also won the award in 2014 and '16.

"This year was probably the toughest year," Trout said.

Dodgers outfielder Cody Bellinger made it a Southern California sweep, beating out the Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich for the NL prize. Bellinger got 19 of 30 first-place votes, Yelich got 10, and Washington's Anthony Rendon got one while finishing third. Yelich won the award last year.

Trout had season-ending foot surgery in September while the Angels languished to a fourth-place finish. The outfielder played just 134 games but still set a career high with 45 homers. He batted .291, led the majors with a .438 on-base percentage and drove in 104 runs.

The 28-year-old shined even following the death of close friend and teammate Tyler Skaggs on July 1. Trout smashed a 454-foot homer wearing Skaggs' No. 45 in the team's first game back, when LA pitchers threw a combined no-hitter.

After often deferring to veterans as a young star, Trout put himself into a leadership role following Skaggs' death.

"It was my time," Trout said, adding that "it was extremely tough mentally and emotionally for us at the end of the year."

Trout is the 10th three-time MVP and joins an elite group: Barry Bonds, Yogi

Berra, Roy Campanella, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial, Albert Pujols, Alex Rodriguez and Mike Schmidt. Bonds is the only player with more than three MVPs — he won seven. Only Musial was younger when he won his third.

Trout also has a record-tying four second-place finishes. He's been the winner or runner-up in seven of his eight full seasons.

Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room before the start of a series against the Texas Rangers. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said the 27-year-old died after choking on his vomit with a toxic mix of alcohol and the painkillers fentanyl and oxycodone in his body. MLB is cooperating with a federal investigation after Eric Kay, a 24-year employee of the Angels' PR department, told the Drug Enforcement Agency he had provided opioids to Skaggs and used them with the pitcher for years, according to ESPN.

Trout played through the pain of that loss and the lingering foot issue, which hampered him for about a month before he chose to have surgery. He learned he won the award while on his yearly hunting trip in Iowa, and he said he'll begin lower-body workouts in conjunction with the Angels' training staff when he returns.

The 24-year-old Bellinger and his loose, left-handed swing launched 47 home runs with a .305 average, 115 RBIs and a 1.035 OPS.

He was the best player on the NL's top team in the regular season, propelling Los Angeles to 106 wins. He's the 10th different Dodgers player to win MVP and first since Clayton Kershaw in 2014.

Bellinger teared up after learning he'd been chosen, saying it was the first time he had cried since the death of his first dog, Angel the golden retriever. He was especially emotional after hugging his father — former big leaguer Clay Bellinger.

NFL

Browns' Garrett suspended for rest of season by NFL

BY TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Browns defensive end Myles Garrett was suspended for at least the rest of the regular season and postseason by the NFL on Friday for using a helmet "as a weapon" and striking Pittsburgh quarterback Mason Rudolph in the head.

His violent outburst in the final seconds of Thursday's nationally televised game against the Steelers landed him the longest suspension for a single on-field infraction in league history. Tennessee's Albert Haynesworth was suspended five games in 2006.

Garrett was also fined an undisclosed amount and must meet with Commissioner Roger Goodell's office before his reinstatement is considered.

Garrett ripped off Rudolph's helmet and clobbered him on top of the head, triggering a brawl between the rivals. Rudolph avoided serious injury and called the defensive star's attack "cowardly and bush league."

The league said Garrett "violated unnecessary roughness and unsportsmanlike conduct rules, as

well as fighting and removing an opponent's helmet and using it as a weapon."

Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey was suspended three games for punching and kicking Garrett, and Browns defensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi was suspended for one game. He shoved Rudolph to the ground from behind during the melee. The suspended players have three business days to appeal their penalties.

The Steelers and Browns were also fined \$250,000 each.

"We are extremely disappointed in what transpired last evening at the end of our game," Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam said in a statement. "There is no place for that in football and that is not reflective of the core values we strive for as an organization.

"We sincerely apologize to Mason Rudolph and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Myles Garrett has been a good teammate and member of our organization and community for the last three years but his actions last night were completely unacceptable. We understand the consequences from the league for his actions."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BIG TEN CONFERENCE											
East						All Games					
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA			
Ohio St.	6	0	296	51	9	0	459	77			
Penn St.	5	1	193	78	8	1	334	108			
Indiana	4	2	182	153	7	2	306	180			
Michigan	4	2	177	98	7	2	286	154			
Michigan St.	2	4	122	178	4	5	208	212			
Maryland	1	6	121	303	3	7	280	343			
Rutgers	0	6	24	245	2	7	132	330			
West						All Games					
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA			
Minnesota	6	0	237	98	9	0	338	186			
Wisconsin	4	2	151	113	7	2	309	113			
Illinois	4	3	203	197	6	4	307	257			
Iowa	3	3	113	71	6	3	217	105			
Purdue	3	4	159	186	4	6	245	278			
Nebraska	2	4	127	199	4	5	237	262			
Northwestern	0	7	63	198	1	8	100	229			
Today's games											
UMass at Northwestern, Noon											
Indiana at Penn St., Noon											
Michigan St. at Michigan, Noon											
Wisconsin at Nebraska, 3:30 p.m.											
Ohio St. at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m.											
Minnesota at Iowa, 4 p.m.											

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE											
East						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98					
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	174	150					
Miami	2	7	0	.222	119	268					
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	130	238					
South						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
Houston	6	3	0	.667	238	191					
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	194	193					
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197					
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189					
North						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	300	189					
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	200	202					
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	228					
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	137	259					
West						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	264	239					
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	240					
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194					
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170					
NATIONAL CONFERENCE											
East						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	251	170					
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	224	213					
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289					
Washington	1	8	0	.111	108	219					
South						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	270	182					
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	225	228					
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	260	279					
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	191	259					
North						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	250	205					
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	262	182					
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	162	157					
Detroit	3	5	1	.389	217	237					
West						All Games					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA					
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	259	129					
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254					
L.A. Rams	5	4	0	.556	226	191					
Arizona	3	6	1	.350	222	281					
Thursday's Games											
Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 7											
Sunday's Games											
Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m.											
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 1 p.m.											
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.											
Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m.											
Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m.											
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.											

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Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
New England at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.  
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.  
Open: N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee, Green Bay

Monday's Games  
Kansas City vs L.A. Chargers at Mexico City, MEX, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21  
Indianapolis at Houston, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.  
Dallas at New England, 4:25 p.m.  
Green Bay at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.  
Open: Arizona, Minnesota, Kansas City, L.A. Chargers

Monday, Nov. 25  
Baltimore at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	1	.900	—
Toronto	8	3	.727	1½
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	2½
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	5½
New York	3	9	.250	7

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	8	3	.727	—
Atlanta	4	7	.364	4
Charlotte	4	7	.364	4
Orlando	4	7	.364	4
Washington	2	7	.222	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	8	3	.727	—
Indiana	7	4	.636	1
Cleveland	4	7	.364	4
Detroit	4	8	.333	4½
Chicago	4	8	.333	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	3	.727	—
Dallas	6	5	.545	2
San Antonio	5	6	.455	3
Memphis	4	7	.364	4
New Orleans	3	8	.273	5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	8	3	.727	—
Utah	8	3	.727	—
Minnesota	7	4	.636	1
Oklahoma City	4	7	.364	4
Portland	4	8	.333	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	2	.818	—
Phoenix	7	4	.636	2
L.A. Clippers	7	5	.583	2½
Sacramento	4	6	.400	4½
Golden State	2	10	.167	7½

Thursday's Games  
Miami 108, Cleveland 97  
Milwaukee 124, Chicago 115  
New Orleans 132, L.A. Clippers 127  
New York 106, Dallas 103  
Phoenix 128, Atlanta 112  
Denver 101, Brooklyn 93

Friday's Games  
Detroit at Charlotte  
San Antonio at Orlando  
Indiana at Houston  
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City  
Utah at Memphis  
Washington at Minnesota  
Boston at Golden State



# Evo Morales wants U.N. mediation in Bolivia

BY E. EDUARDO CASTILLO  
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MEXICO CITY — Bolivia's Evo Morales called for the United Nations, and possibly Pope Francis, to mediate in the Andean nation's political crisis following his ouster as president in what he called a coup d'état that forced him into exile in Mexico.

In an interview with The Associated Press Thursday in Mexico City, Morales said he is in fact still the president of Bolivia since the country's Legislative Assembly has not yet accepted his resignation, which he presented Sunday at the urging of military leaders following weeks of protests against a re-election that his opponents called fraudulent.

"The assembly has to reject or approve the resignation" which it has not done, said the man who ruled Bolivia for almost 14 years as its first indigenous president. "If they don't approve or reject it I can say that I am still president."

Morales submitted his resignation to Congress as specified by the constitution, although he and his supporters say it was forced by the military and should have required a vote by the Senate on whether to accept it. His critics say the constitution makes no mention of such a vote.

Morales said he would return to Bolivia from Mexico, which has granted him political asylum, if that would contribute to his country's pacification.

Political analyst Kathryn Ledebur of the nonprofit Andean Information Network in Bolivia, who has lived in the country for nearly 30 years, said Morales could have a

case.

"A resignation letter has to be presented and considered, and accepted in the plenary before it goes into effect," she said. "Do I think that Evo wants to return and be president - I don't see that. But does he want to mess with them? Yes. He wants to keep them guessing."

Two days after arriving in Mexico, Morales told the AP he has received information that some Bolivian army troops are planning to "rebel" against the officers who urged him to resign. But he gave no further specifics on how many were in on the plan, or how they would rebel.

Morales said he was "surprised by the betrayal of the commander in chief of the armed forces," Williams Kaliman.

He called for calm and dialogue in Bolivia. "I want to tell them (his supporters) that we will have to recover democracy, but with a lot of patience and peaceful struggle."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Thursday he is sending Jean Arnault, a personal envoy, to Bolivia to support efforts to find a peaceful solution to the nation's crisis.

"I have a lot of confidence in the U.N.," Morales said. But he noted he wants the world body "to be a mediator, not just a facilitator, perhaps accompanied by the Catholic church and if Pope Francis is needed, we should add him."

He said the United States was the "great conspirator" behind the "coup d'état" that forced him from Bolivia. Morales has long had a tense relationship with Washington and

in 2008 expelled U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials from Bolivia.

Bolivia's interim leader Jeanine Añez has been recognized by some countries, but faces an uphill battle in organizing new elections.

According to the constitution, an interim president has 90 days to organize an election. The disputed accession of Añez, who until Tuesday was second vice president of the Senate, was an example of the long list of obstacles she faces. Morales' backers, who hold a two-thirds majority in Congress, boycotted the session she called Tuesday night to formalize her claim to the presidency, preventing a quorum.

Late Thursday, legislators with Morales' Movement Toward Socialism party, or MAS, and Añez were working on an agreement for new elections that would help resolve the crisis. The deal would make Eva Copa Murga Senate president with the backing of legislators from Añez's Democratic Unity party.

"It's a historic agreement to pacify the country," Copa Murga said. But other legislators said a deal had not yet been reached.

Meanwhile Thursday, Morales' backers demonstrated for his return from asylum in Mexico.

They had come overnight from Chapare, a coca-growing region where Morales became a prominent union leader before he became president. Soldiers blocked them from reaching the nearby city of Cochabamba, where Morales' supporters and foes have clashed for

weeks.

Morales' resignation followed nationwide protests over suspected vote-rigging in an Oct. 20 election in which he claimed to have won a fourth term in office. An Organization of American States audit of the vote found widespread irregularities. Morales denies there was fraud.

Much of the opposition to Morales sprang from his refusal to accept a referendum that would have forbidden him from running for a new term.

In the wake of Morales' resignation, it was unclear whether Bolivian election officials would have to formally bar him from running in a new election.

Añez, who claimed the interim presidency, was moving to establish authority in the turbulent country. She announced that Morales could not participate in elections again but his MAS party could.

Morales upended politics in this nation long ruled by light-skinned descendants of Europeans by reversing deep-rooted inequality. The economy benefited from a boom in prices of commodities and he ushered through a new constitution that created a new Congress with seats reserved for Bolivia's smaller indigenous groups while also allowing self-rule for all indigenous communities.

Although some supporters became disenchanted by his insistence on holding on to power, Morales remains popular, especially among other members of his native Aymara ethnic group.

# Be careful out there: U.K. police warn candidates about safety

BY GREGORY KATZ  
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LONDON — British police are unveiling new tactics to protect politicians amid the country's fraught, even hostile political atmosphere, issuing safety recommendations for candidates running in the country's Dec. 12 general election.

All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs in the vote but more than 70 lawmakers have announced they are not running for re-election amid Britain's toxic political atmosphere.

Politicians on both sides of the Brexit argument over Britain's impending departure from the European Union have received abuse and threats — even death threats — both in person and online. Those leaving include many moderate pro-EU Conservatives, Labour legislators who say their party has not stamped out anti-Semitism and high-profile female legislators, who have received a disproportionate amount of the abuse.

There also have been increasing concerns for British politicians' personal safety since Labour Party legislator Jo Cox was stabbed to death during the 2016 Brexit referendum campaign.

The National Police Chiefs' Council said Friday it is urging candidates not to campaign alone if possible and to contact local police in advance of campaigning in specific areas.

It also advised candidates to check that any material they have posted online does not release "sensitive personal information," data that could possibly aid stalkers or those with malign intentions.

Chairman Martin Hewitt said all police forces will offer security briefings for candidates and will have a senior police officer responsible for handling safety issues.

"We're not going to tell anyone to limit their campaigning or enthusiasm in any way, but we are taking precautionary steps ourselves and providing sensible advice to candidates," he said.

The advice will be distributed to all candidates as part of an information package developed by police, the Electoral Commission and prosecutors.

It also suggests that candidates "take active steps around personal safety to keep themselves and their campaign staff safe" and make sure that someone knows where they are canvassing voters for support.

Police say candidates should keep a record of any intimidating behavior or abuse they encounter.

The advice stops short of suggesting that candidates avoid knocking on doors after dark, given that the extremely rare December election is taking place during the darkest time of the year.

Britain is holding a national election on Dec. 12, two years early, because Prime Minister Boris Johnson, a Conservative, wants to secure a majority so he can take the U.K. out of the EU by the next Brexit deadline of Jan. 31.

In the latest policy announcement, the left-of-center opposition Labour Party published ambitious and costly plans to provide free, fast broadband internet to the entire country, paid for in part by taxing huge tech companies including Facebook, Amazon and Google.

Yet Labour was also hit by more criticism over its allegedly lax stance toward anti-Semitism in party ranks.

Twenty-four prominent British writers and entertainers, including author John Le Carre and actor Simon Callow, said Friday they won't vote for Labour candidates because of the party's failure to combat anti-Semitism.

Their letter, published in The Guardian newspaper, says Labour is under investigation for institutional racism, that two Jewish lawmakers have been bullied out of the party and that Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has a "long record of embracing anti-Semites."

The signatories say these concerns overshadow the argument that supporting Labour is the only way to stop Johnson's Conservatives from taking the country out of the EU with or without a Brexit deal.

They say to ignore anti-Semitism "because Brexit looms larger is to declare that anti-Jewish prejudice is a price worth paying for a Labour government. Which other community's concerns are disposable in this way?"

Such a rejection by traditional Labour supporters could hurt the party as it seeks to overthrow the ruling Conservatives. The Conservatives now have 298 seats in Parliament, which is short of a majority, to the Labour Party's 243 seats. Analysts say the Conservatives need to flip Labour seats in central and northern England to win the majority needed to push Brexit through.

Most polls see the Conservatives leading, but for many British voters this year, their feelings about Brexit could trump traditional party loyalties.

Tactical alliances could play a part in the parties' success.

On the pro-Brexit front, the Brexit Party has said it won't run candidates in 317 districts where Conservatives have been strong so as not to split the pro-Brexit vote.

On the Remain side, three smaller parties — the Liberal Democrats, the Greens and the Welsh-based Plaid Cymru — have announced a deal to increase the chances of electing lawmakers who support remaining in the EU.

# Israel says it has completed Gaza strikes after rocket fire

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel said early Friday it has completed a series of airstrikes on targets linked to the Islamic Jihad militant group in Gaza after overnight rocket fire that rattled a day-old truce.

The Palestinian territory's Hamas rulers, who kept to the sidelines of this week's fighting, cancelled the weekly protests they organize along the perimeter fence without explanation — apparently in an effort to preserve the calm.

Israel reiterated that it was willing to abide by the ceasefire if there are no additional rocket attacks. The army said in a statement that it struck a military compound, a rocket-manufacturing site and a militant headquarters in the town of Khan Younis overnight.

The airstrikes came after a barrage of rockets late Thursday. There were no immediate reports of casualties on either side. The situation was calm on Friday.

The unofficial cease-fire that began early Thursday ended a two-day escalation triggered by Israel's targeted killing of an Islamic Jihad commander. The fighting killed 34 Palestinians, includ-

ing 16 civilians. Palestinian militants fired more than 450 rockets toward Israel, paralyzing much of southern Israel without causing any deaths or serious injuries.

An Israeli airstrike overnight Thursday struck a home in the central Gaza town of Deir al-Balah, killing eight people, including two women and five children under the age of 13. The airstrike apparently targeted the home of an Islamic Jihad commander who was not there at the time. Neighbors said the airstrike killed his brother, who was not involved in militant activity.

The military said Friday that it struck "Islamic Jihad military infrastructure" in Deir al-Balah and did not intend to harm civilians.

"According to the information available to the IDF at the time of the strike, no civilians were expected to be harmed as a result of the strike," the Israeli Defense Forces said in a statement. It said an investigation is underway.

Hundreds of Palestinian civilians have been killed in previous rounds fighting in Gaza, drawing heavy international criticism, and the International Criminal Court in The Hague has opened a preliminary investigation into

Israel's battlefield tactics.

Israel rejects the criticism, saying it takes numerous precautions to prevent unnecessary civilian casualties. It also accuses Palestinian militants of using civilians as human shields and firing rockets from residential areas. It says militant commanders often have weapons or command centers inside their homes, making them legitimate targets.

Islamic Jihad announced the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire early Thursday, claiming it had extracted several concessions from Israel. Israel does not generally comment on informal understandings with militant groups and said only that it would halt fire as long as the militants did the same.

The truce angered many Islamic Jihad supporters, who held protests across Gaza. The barrage of rockets fired into Israel late Thursday, which Israel said were intercepted by its missile defenses, may have been an expression of discontent with the militant group's leadership.

Unlike in previous rounds of violence, the more powerful Hamas stayed on the sidelines, adhering to understandings reached through Egyptian mediators after pre-

vious rounds of fighting with Israel. Both militant groups are committed to Israel's destruction, but Islamic Jihad is seen as more radical and has closer ties to Iran.

Hamas has held weekly demonstrations along the frontier for more than a year to call for the lifting of an Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed on Gaza when the group seized power from the internationally backed Palestinian Authority in 2007.

The protests often turn violent, with demonstrators hurling rocks and firebombs and Israeli forces responding with tear gas and live ammunition. Hamas has tamped down the protests in recent weeks, apparently as part of the understandings with Egypt.

In return, Israel has loosened the blockade and allowed Qatar to deliver millions of dollars in cash so that Hamas can pay its civil servants.

Hamas and Israel have fought three wars, the most recent in 2014, and have exchanged fire on a number of occasions since then. In the latest fighting, Israel refrained from targeting Hamas, which does not appear to have fired any rockets, a sign that both want to maintain the calm.

# French police ratchet up evidence search in Epstein probe

BY JOHN LEICESTER  
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PARIS — French police launched a fresh appeal Friday for witnesses and victims to come forward to aid their probe of Jeffrey Epstein and allegations that one of the financier's associates drugged and raped young models.

The appeal was longer and more detailed than a previous, more limited call for evidence that police had made previously on Facebook and Twitter on Sept. 11.

"Given the complexity of the case and its international implications, we are once again asking victims and witnesses to come forward," said the new appeal, this time translated by the police into English.

It said police "are mobilized and ready to receive statements from victims and witnesses of sexual harassment or assault" and urged "anyone with information to come forward, regardless of when the incident occurred, what the circumstances were and who was involved."

The amplified appeal came after women who say they were raped and sexually assaulted by one of Epstein's associates, French modeling agent Jean-Luc Brunel, had this week told The Associated Press they were disappointed with the limited scope of police efforts to track down witnesses.

Brunel has denied wrongdoing and has said via his lawyer he is willing to talk

to investigators. The new appeal, as was also the case in September, does not name Brunel, instead saying that police are investigating "the conduct of Jeffrey Epstein and his connections."

One of Epstein's accusers, Virginia Roberts Giuffre, has alleged that Brunel procured women, some of them minors, for sex with Epstein and other people, luring them with promises of modeling work.

Police commissioner Philippe Guichard, whose office is leading the probe, acknowledged in an AP interview Friday that their September appeal for witnesses, worded only in French, had had limited impact.

"The witnesses and the vic-

tims tell us that they had trouble identifying us and finding the number and reaching us to give evidence," he said.

He insisted that his Central Bureau for Violent Crime is "completely invested" in the probe and hopes to reach anyone with knowledge of crimes committed either in France or abroad by French people.

He said the evidence search had been hampered by a reluctance to talk in the "closed world" of modeling.

"We imagine that potential victims don't want to speak, to report crimes, because they must feel that, 'If I say something, will I keep my job?'" he said.

The French probe was launched in August after

Epstein took his life while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges. So far, police have questioned eight alleged victims of rape and other abuse, and four other people who say they were witnesses, and have more hearings scheduled.

Thysia Huisman, one of the women who has told police she was drugged and raped by Brunel in 1991 at age 18, welcomed the amplified search for witnesses. She'd been among those who this week had told the AP that police needed to do more.

"That's great," she told the AP on Friday, adding that the September appeal, "on Twitter in French, once, is not enough to make people come forward."

She said the use of English in the latest appeal might help reach models and former models who travel frequently and who likely don't speak French.

"Let's wait and see what happens," she said. "I hope it is going to change something."

Police have also sought to spread the word internationally by turning to a non-governmental group, ECPAT, that fights the sexual exploitation of children.

ECPAT translated a detailed explanation of the probe into English, Russian, Spanish and Portuguese and shared it internally with members of its worldwide network, with a request that they then relay the call for witnesses.



# Conflicting White House accounts of first Trump-Zelenskiy call

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump released the rough transcript Friday of a congratulatory phone call he had with the incoming president of Ukraine, holding it out as evidence that he did nothing wrong. Instead, the memorandum shows how White House descriptions of Trump’s communications with foreign leaders at times better reflect wishful thinking than the reality of the interactions.

As the House opened its second day of public impeachment hearings on Capitol Hill, Trump released the unclassified record of his April 21 call with then President-elect Volodymyr Zelenskiy. The document bears little resemblance to the paragraph-long official summary of the conversation that the White House released the same day as the 16-minute call.

The discrepancy highlights the gulf that often exists between the message that U.S. national security officials want to deliver to world leaders and the one that is actually delivered by Trump.

For years, U.S. officials have stressed the importance of trying to support democratic norms and root out corruption in Ukraine, which has been fighting a war of attrition against Russian-backed separatists since Russia invaded and later annexed Crimea in 2014.

To that end, the official readout of the Zelenskiy call reported that Trump noted the “peaceful and democratic manner of the electoral process” that had led to Zelenskiy’s victory in Ukraine’s presidential election.

But there is no record of that in the rough transcript released Friday. Instead, it said Trump praised a “fantastic” and “incredible” election.

Current and former administration officials said it was consistent with a pattern in which Trump veers from – or ignores entirely – prepared talking points for his discussions with foreign leaders, and instead digresses

into domestic politics or other unrelated matters. In the Ukraine call, for example, Trump praised the quality of the country’s contestants in a beauty pageant he used to oversee and compared Zelenskiy’s election to his own in 2016.

“When I owned Miss Universe, they always had great people,” Trump told Zelenskiy of his country.

The original readout also said Trump “underscored the unwavering support of the United States for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.” But there’s no indication of that in the rough transcript.

Likewise, the readout said the president expressed his commitment to help Ukraine “to implement reforms that strengthen democracy, increase prosperity, and root out corruption.” The word “corruption” is not mentioned in the rough transcript of the actual call.

Corruption did feature prominently in Trump’s second call with Zelenskiy on July 25, the call that helped spark the impeachment drama.

It’s highly unusual for a president to release the rough transcripts of calls with foreign leaders, which are generated by voice transcription software and edited by officials listening in on the call to ensure it is accurately memorialized. The official readout, by contrast, is issued as a news release meant to further foreign policy aims. It is typically the only public account of the calls that presidents have with their counterparts.

Several current and former administration officials told The Associated Press that the readouts of foreign leader calls that are routinely released are often pre-written, reflecting official U.S. policy and what National Security Council officials hope the leaders will discuss and the talking points they provide to guide the president’s conversations.

Those readouts are supposed to be revised after the calls to reflect

what actually transpired. But that doesn’t always happen, according to seven current and former administration officials. They all spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

The officials said that staffers tasked with writing the readouts typically haven’t listened in on the president’s calls and instead rely on others to brief them on the content. They are also often under a time crunch driven by NSC staffers eager to have the U.S. readouts come out before the other nations releases their own accounts. Sometimes, they said, the administration simply doesn’t want to recount everything discussed.

Asked why the rough transcript differs so much from the readout, White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said: “The president continues to push for transparency in light of these baseless accusations and has taken the unprecedented steps to release the transcripts of both phone calls with President Zelenskiy so that every American can see he did nothing wrong.”

“It is standard operating procedure for the National Security Council to provide readouts of the president’s phone calls with foreign leaders. This one was prepared by the NSC’s Ukraine expert.”

The current Ukraine expert at the NSC is Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who testified to lawmakers last month behind closed doors and is scheduled to give public testimony on Tuesday.

The Obama administration made it practice to issue fairly general readouts that offered only broad details about the president and vice president’s conversations with foreign leaders. It was the Obama administration’s practice to assign someone who was listening in on the call to draft the readout for the media to ensure that what was being said about the call was accurate, according to a senior Obama administration official who took part in drafting readouts during that administration.

To write a readout that included things that weren’t discussed was “out of bounds,” said the official.

During the Obama and George W. Bush administrations, according to an official who worked on national security matters in both of those White Houses, it was practice to leave some details out of readouts to protect sensitive matters discussed on the call. But never were details or facts added or made up, the official said.

Ned Price, a former NSC spokesman under Obama and now director of policy at National Security Action, said it wasn’t uncommon for readouts to provide a “more artful and formal recap” of a foreign leader call.

“But it’s certainly not normal for the readout to be nearly entirely divorced from the reality of the call,” he said. “The discrepancies between the transcript and the readout in this case are profound.”

A former Trump White House official familiar with the current process said that readouts and rough transcripts are produced separately. The rough transcripts are created by those who listen in on the call and policy experts in the NSC. The readouts are prepared by media teams in the NSC and the White House press secretary’s office.

Typically, a draft readout of what Trump is expected to discuss is prepared by the policy team. In addition, talking points are prepared for president before the call, although Trump does not always use them, according to a former Trump White House official familiar with the process. The individual didn’t know whether the draft readouts were changed to reflect what is actually said, but said there is no “procedural step” that’s in place to ensure that the two are in agreement.

Another former Trump administration official familiar with the process also said draft readouts of calls were written ahead of time, but since Trump does not adhere to talking points for meetings or calls, “it’s a crap shoot on what is actually said.”

## Takeaways from Day 2 of House impeachment hearings

**BY ERIC TUCKER, JILL COLVIN and MARY CLARE JALONICK**  
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WASHINGTON — Day Two of the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump featured a career diplomat with a soft voice and a powerful story.

Marie Yovanovitch, under questioning from the Democrats, said she felt threatened by the president as she detailed the story of being abruptly recalled from her post as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine.

Some key takeaways from Yovanovitch’s testimony:

### Political is personal

This was no staid, bureaucratic tale told by a distant and removed narrator.

Yovanovitch’s account was, instead, deeply personal, colored with outrage over having been “knee-capped” by lies and her abrupt recall from a country about whose fate she cared deeply. After a “smear campaign” she said involved Trump’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and was amplified by cable news hosts and the president’s oldest son, Donald, Jr., she was directed in April 2019 to come back to Washington on the next plane because she no longer had the confidence of the president.

“I remain disappointed that the (State) Department’s leadership and others have declined to acknowledge that the attacks against me and others are dangerously wrong,” Yovanovitch said.

She said professional public servants serve U.S. interests regardless of who occupies the White House, and she invoked the diplomats who were killed in the 2012 Benghazi attacks, tortured in captivity in Iran, and injured in mysterious attacks in Cuba.

“We honor these individuals. They represent each one of you here – and every American. These courageous individuals were attacked because they symbolized America,” she said.

### ‘Very intimidating’

Yovanovitch left no doubt that she interpreted some of the Trump’s cryptic comments about her – “she’s going to go through some things,” among them – in the most chilling way.

“It didn’t sound good,” she said. “It sounded like a threat.”

The effect of the president’s comments, she said, “is very intimidating” and not just for her but for others who might be inclined to publicly attack corruption.

To which Democrat Adam Schiff, the chairman of the House intelligence committee, responded: “Well, I want to let you know, Ambassador, that some of us here take witness intimidation very, very seriously.”

### Trump smears the witness

He would be too busy to watch, said the White House.

He’d tune into an opening statement delivered by the top Republican on the panel, Rep. Devin Nunes, but spend the rest of the day “working hard for the American people,” Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said.

Instead, Trump responded to the hearing in real time, castigating Yovanovitch by tweet as she testified about her poor treatment by Trump and his administration.

“Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad,” tweeted Trump, pointing to the time she spent in war-torn Somalia and in Ukraine, where Trump said “the new Ukrainian President spoke unfavorably about her.”

He also defended his decision to pull her from her post, arguing the U.S. president has an “absolute right to appoint ambassadors” who serve “at the pleasure of the President.”

Schiff read Trump’s tweet to Yovanovitch and suggested it was part of a campaign of “witness intimidation.”

Yovanovitch described the president’s attacks as “very intimidating.”

### ‘WERE YOU INVOLVED?’

Republicans avoided impugning her character. They mostly steered clear, too, of challenging her decades-long career in diplomacy.

Instead, the questioning from Rep. Devin Nunes, the top Republican on the committee, and Steve Castor, the GOP chief investigative counsel, appeared aimed at blunting the impact of her testimony by getting her to concede the key events and discussions she was not part of – including the fact that she had not spoken to Trump for all of 2019.

Were you involved, Nunes asked at one point, in the July 25th phone call between Trump and Ukraine president Volodymyr Zelenskiy or in the preparations for it? No, I was not, Yovanovitch replied.

How about, he asked, the deliberations over the “pause” in military aid to Ukraine as the U.S. reviewed the new president’s “commitment to corruption reforms?” Were you involved in that?

“For the delay?” she asked  
“For the pause,” Nunes pointedly replied

“No,” Yovanovitch, conceded, “I was not.”

# AP source: Second U.S. official in Kyiv heard Trump-Sondland call

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WASHINGTON — A second U.S. Embassy staffer in Kyiv overheard a cellphone call between President Donald Trump and his ambassador to the European Union discussing a need for Ukrainian officials to pursue “investigations,” The Associated Press has learned.

The July 26 call between Trump and Gordon Sondland was first described during testimony Wednesday by William Taylor, the acting U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Taylor said one of his staffers overheard the call while Sondland was in a Kyiv restaurant the day after Trump’s July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy that triggered the House impeachment inquiry.

The second diplomatic staffer also at the table was Suriya Jayanti, a foreign service officer based in Kyiv. A person briefed on what Jayanti overheard spoke to AP on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter currently under investigation.

The accounts of the two embassy staffers could tie Trump closer to alleged efforts to hold up military aid to Ukraine in exchange for investigations into political rival Joe Biden and his son Hunter’s business dealings. In defending Trump on Wednesday, Republicans repeatedly highlighted that Taylor never directly heard the president direct anyone to demand that the Ukrainians open the probe.

Trump on Wednesday said he did not recall the July 26 call with Sondland.

“No, not at all, not even a little bit,” Trump said.

The White House did not respond to questions Thursday about the second witness to the call with Sondland.

The staffer Taylor testified about is David Holmes, the political counselor at the embassy in Kyiv, according to an official familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Holmes is scheduled to testify

Friday before House investigators in a closed session.

Taylor was one of the first witnesses called Wednesday during the impeachment inquiry’s initial open hearing. He testified that his staffer could hear Trump on the phone asking Sondland about “the investigations.”

Later that day, a Twitter account that appears to belong to Ukraine’s then-Defense Minister Oleksandr Danylyuk posted a photo of himself at dinner with Sondland, Taylor and Ambassador Kurt Volker, who was then Trump’s special envoy to Ukraine for peace negotiations.

Since 2014, the Ukrainian government has been battling Russian-backed separatists in the country’s eastern region, and the continuation of U.S. military aid is crucial to its defense. Whether Trump directed nearly \$400 million in aid to be withheld to force the Ukrainians to open investigations into Democrats is a key question of the impeachment inquiry.

Current and former U.S. officials say Sondland’s use of a cellphone in a public place in Ukraine to speak with anyone in the U.S. government back home about sensitive matters, let alone the president, would be a significant breach of communications security.

Jayanti is an attorney who joined the State Department in 2012 and was previously posted at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq. She has been stationed since September 2018 at the embassy in Kyiv where she helps coordinate U.S. business interests with the former Soviet republic’s energy industry.

Jayanti was in Washington last month and scheduled for a closed-door interview with impeachment investigators. But the deposition was canceled because of the funeral for former House Oversight Chair Elijah Cummings and has not yet been rescheduled.

Holmes, a career diplomat, joined the Foreign Service in 2002 and has served in Afghanistan, Colombia, India, Kosovo and Russia as well as on the

White House National Security Council staff. He won an award for constructive dissent from the American Foreign Service Association in 2014 for complaining about problems that an alternate diplomatic channel had caused in South Asia and recommending organizational changes to the State Department’s bureaucratic structure for the region.

U.S. diplomats and other government employees are instructed not to use cellphones for sensitive official matters while traveling anywhere abroad and notably in countries known to be targeted for surveillance by intelligence agencies such as Russia, China and Israel.

Ukraine has long been among the countries of concern, particularly since a 2014 incident in which the U.S. accused Russian intelligence of eavesdropping on and then leaking a recording of a conversation between two senior U.S. officials in Kyiv that led to great embarrassment and strains between the U.S. and its European allies.

In that recording, then-Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Victoria Nuland is heard telling former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoff Pyatt “F-ck the EU,” because of the European Union’s slowness to respond to the political crisis in the country.

“That phone call was also a mistake the way it was conducted and it had huge implications for our foreign policy,” said Michael McFaul, a former U.S. ambassador to Russia who is now at Stanford University. “Particularly after that, anybody should understand how dangerous it is to make an unsecured call in Kyiv, or anywhere else for that matter.”

“Obviously, making a phone call from Kyiv to the president of the United States means that not just the Russian intelligence services will be on the call, but a whole lot of other people, too,” McFaul said. “If it was that important, he (Sondland) could have easily gotten up from the restaurant, gone to the embassy and made a secure call through the White House operations

center.”

Steven Pifer, who served as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine from 1998 to 2000, said he always assumed his cellphone calls were being monitored and would not discuss anything sensitive unless he was on a secure phone at the embassy or his residence.

“Any unsecure call is vulnerable, but there’s a special risk if it’s the president’s number on your phone,” Pifer said. “You have to know everyone is going to be interested in it and not just the Russians.”

In a closed-door hearing last month, former White House Russia adviser Fiona Hill said she was concerned that Sondland posed a counterintelligence risk, according to a transcript released by the House. Hill cited a Sondland habit of giving out personal cellphone numbers – hers and national security adviser John Bolton’s as well as his own – and his failure to get appropriately briefed ahead of meetings.

“So he was often meeting with people he had no information about,” said Hill, who served as the senior director for Russia at the National Security Council. “It’s like basically driving along with no guardrails and no GPS on an unfamiliar territory.”

She said Sondland was meeting with foreign officials “that we had derogatory information on that he shouldn’t have been meeting with” or he was giving out his phone number or texting foreign officials. “All of those communications could have been exfiltrated by the Russians very easily,” she said.

Hill said officials from Europe would literally appear at the gates of the White House and call her personal phone, which was kept in a lockbox. She said she’d later find messages from irate officials who’d been told by Sondland that they were supposed to meet with her.

She said she found it deeply concerning and asked for someone from the Intelligence Bureau to “sit down with him and explain that this was a counter-intelligence risk.”



# Memories of childhood abuse occupy survivor's thoughts

**DEAR ABBY:** I have some bad memories connected with my mother, who was physically abusive. It wasn't consistent, but sometimes she would lose it, and I was beaten quite badly a few times. It weighs on my mind intermittently, and I want to have a conversation with her about it. Then I remind myself that it occurred more than 40 years ago.

## Dear Abby



I'm 48 now, and she's 74, and it would probably make her extremely upset. Because I'm an adult, shouldn't I be able to process this on my own? I'm inclined to let it go, but it still pops up in my thoughts. Any advice? — Flashbacks In The East

**DEAR FLASHBACKS:** You are a survivor of sometimes serious physical abuse. There are no "shoulds" when survivorship is involved.

If you feel the need to talk this through with your mother, then do exactly that because you are entitled. She may not want to hear what you have to say, but unless she's on her deathbed, she should be strong enough to withstand a frank conversation. However, before you approach her, I suggest you first talk with a therapist who is licensed and experienced in counseling victims of abuse.

**DEAR ABBY:** I own a hair salon and love my job. I make a determined effort not to bring my problems to work, to be positive and not gossip. Unfortunately, my clients don't always return the favor.

I understand people need a sounding board, but it's exhausting to hear about every ache, pain and bruise as well as other negative tidbits. How do I tactfully let these people know my shoulders are only so broad, and their complaints are wearing me down? — Pulling My Hair Out In Idaho

**DEAR PULLING YOUR HAIR OUT:** I urge you to resist the temptation. "Hairdresser as Confidant and Confessor" has been in existence since the cosmetology profession started. If your clients need to get something off their shoulders (besides their tresses), give them the gift of a willing ear. This is so important that in some communities hairdressers are being taught the signs of domestic abuse and where to refer the victims.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a teenager who has lived in Boston and a few other places. Now I live in Utah. My two Boston friends were just out here visiting, but they are gone now. I have "friends" here, but they bully me. They make fun of me and call me dumb, or say that I never seem to do the right thing. I have pulled back from them, and I now realize I really have no friends. What do I do? Help! — Bullied In Utah

**DEAR BULLIED:** Friends don't treat friends the way those individuals treated you, so be glad they are out of your life. Making friends requires putting yourself out there. Consider participating in sports or extracurricular activities, if they are offered at school or in your community. If there are youth clubs, see if any of them interest you. If your family has joined a church, inquire about youth activities you can join. If you do, I predict that in a very short time, you'll be friendless no more.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Trading center
- 5 Ali —
- 9 Pater
- 12 Lamb's pen name
- 13 Aloud
- 14 High card
- 15 Trace of smoke
- 16 Robin appendage
- 17 Ms. Thurman
- 18 Flocks of geese
- 20 Deep yellow
- 22 Coastal predator
- 23 Jellyfish habitat
- 24 Understand (2 wds.)
- 27 Potato
- 31 On the — vive
- 34 By heart
- 35 Petruchio's bride
- 36 Stepped on
- 38 Slangy affirmative
- 40 Rain slicker
- 41 Veer off-course

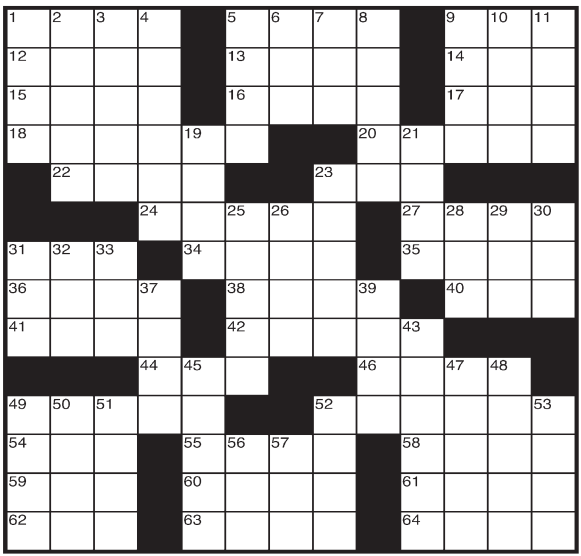
### DOWN

- 1 Kitty's cries
- 2 Comparable
- 3 Chorus platform
- 4 Sealing a package
- 5 Yields
- 6 "Exodus" hero
- 7 Make illegal

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

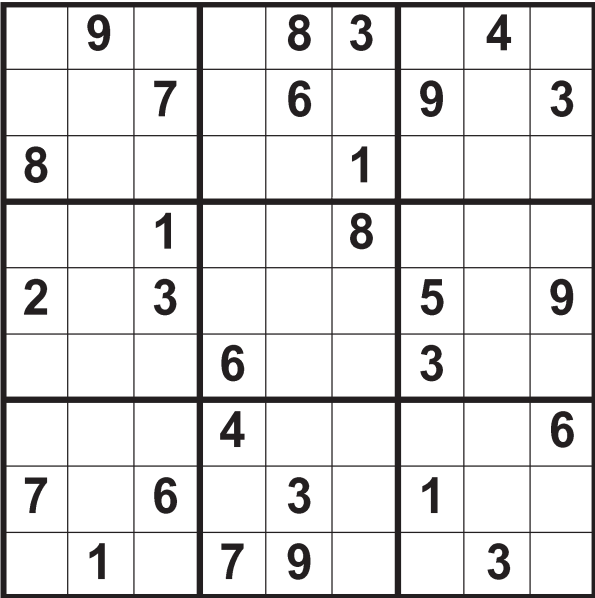


- 8 Pond scum
- 9 Slap on hastily
- 10 Pinnacle
- 11 Expensive
- 19 Poet's contraction
- 21 Conceal
- 23 Water vapor
- 25 Played with
- 26 List component
- 28 Tillis or Dawber
- 29 Ms. Hagen
- 30 Yr. ender
- 31 Liquid meas.
- 32 Web addr.
- 33 Debtor's letters
- 37 Classroom fixture
- 39 London park
- 43 Flat-bottomed boat
- 45 A Muppet
- 47 Don Diego de la Vega
- 48 Not on all fours
- 49 "Star Wars" guru
- 50 Not up yet
- 51 Aswan Dam site
- 52 Loose garment
- 53 Alcove
- 56 Taunting cry
- 57 Scoundrel



## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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### How to play:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	1	6	3	8	7	9	2	5
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6	3	1	4	7	8	2	5	9
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1	6	4	7	3	5	8	9	2
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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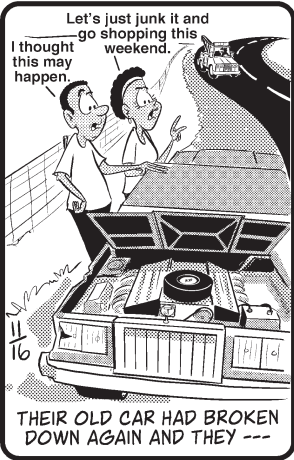
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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LEGAL PYLON IMPEDE FABRIC  
Answer: The fencer lost to his rival after being — FOILED AGAIN

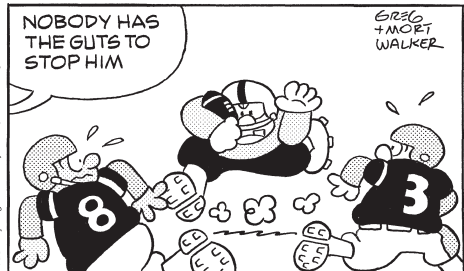
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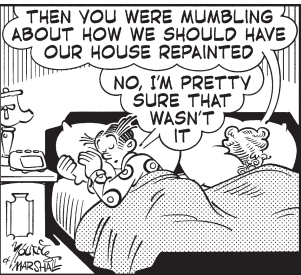
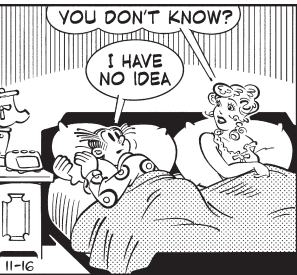
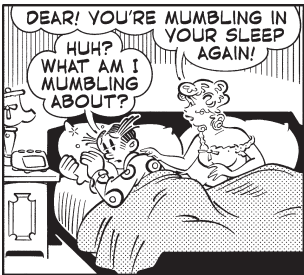


Billy's final report from Daddy's sickroom.

## BEETLE BAILEY



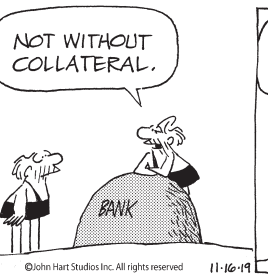
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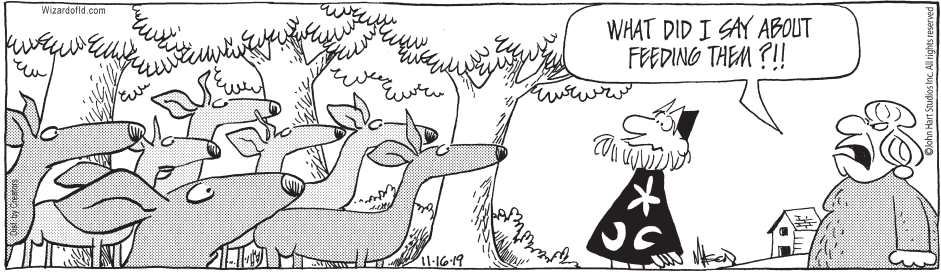
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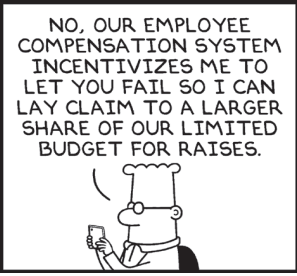
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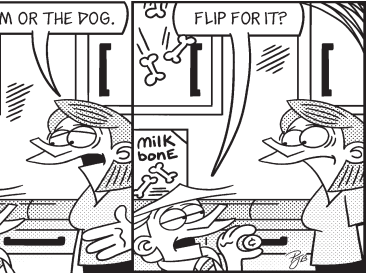
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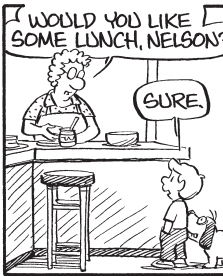
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## PICKLES



## Christians aren't exempt from the problems of life

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

**Q:** I was told that if I became a Christian my problems would go away; that God is for us. Why is it that since I have become a Christian I have been insulted, and threatened by bad things? — W.C.

**A:** Christians aren't exempt from the problems of life; we too experience illness, temptation, disappointment, grief, and a hundred other problems. Most of the disciples were killed for their witness of Christ, and the Apostle Paul likely suffered from some kind of physical ailment.

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That incident illustrates ways problems and tempta-

tions assail us. We are often battered by life's problems, even to the point of moral and spiritual collapse. We live in a hostile world that constantly seeks to pull us away from God, and sometimes its pressures are enormous — but God is there, and our trust in God to see us through serves as a testimony to others watching. We must not let Satan have victory in life's ups and down.

If we truly belong to Christ, He gives us promises even in the midst of pain. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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JPH ZKNWH / FPUVPLB CS HKXUVA  
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Previous Solution: "Yes I loved you dearly / And if you're offering me diamonds and rust / I've already paid." — Joan Baez

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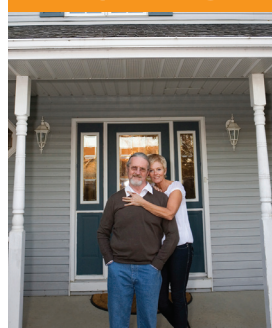
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